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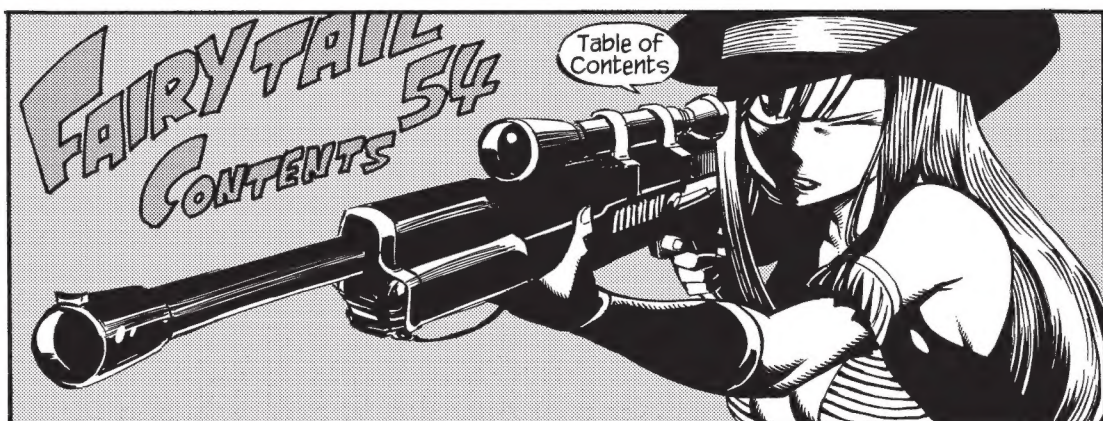
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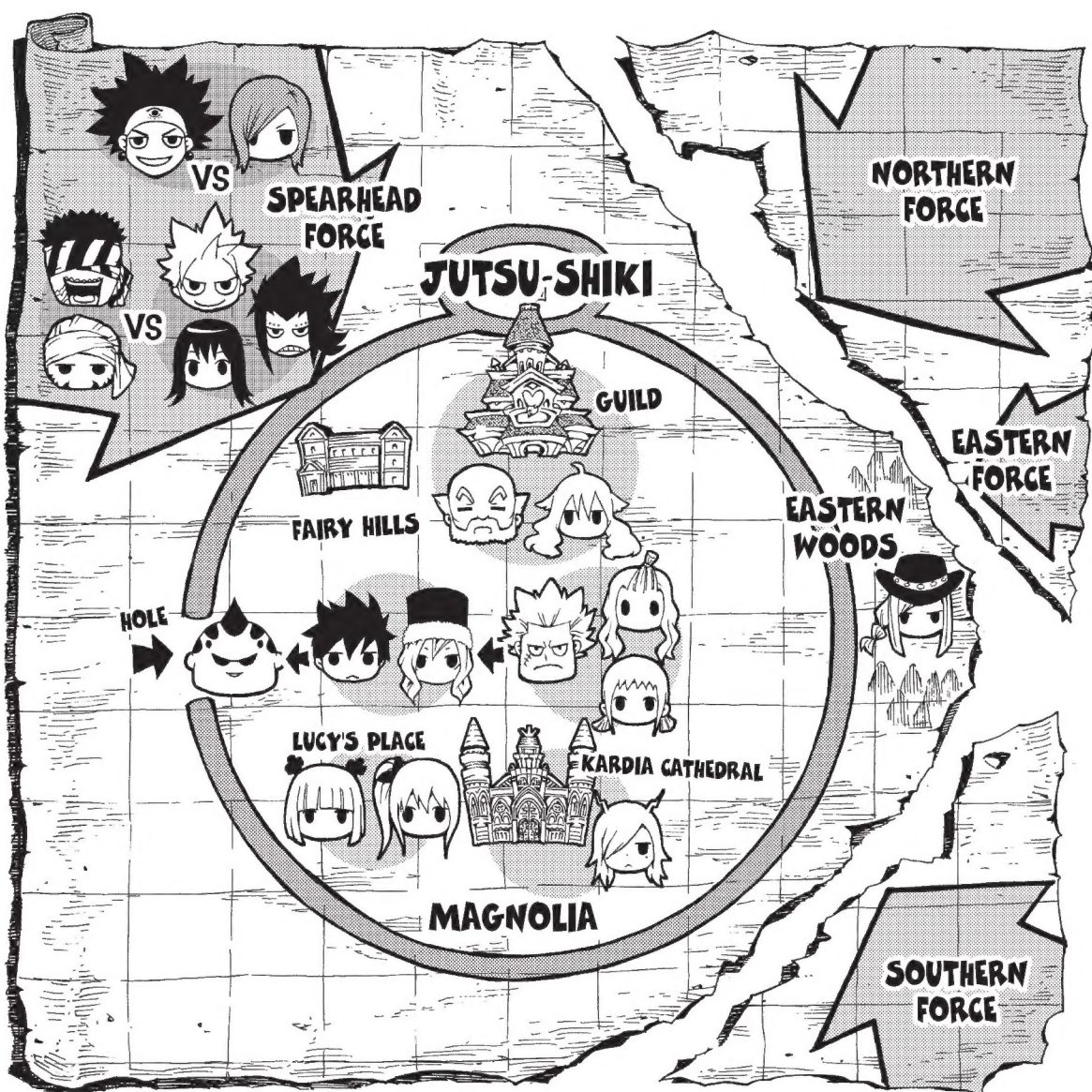


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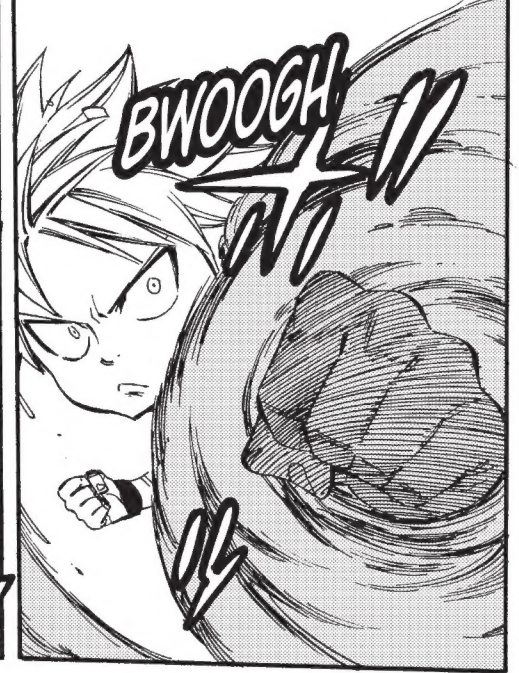
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Chapter 456: Orders





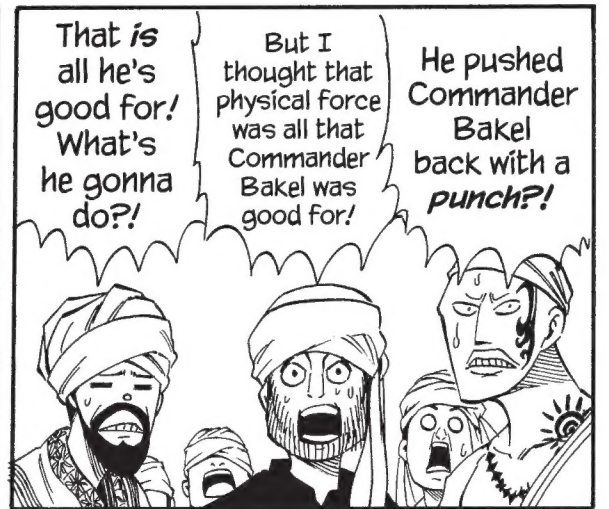


He's all right!
That didn't affect him at all!



I gotta say...

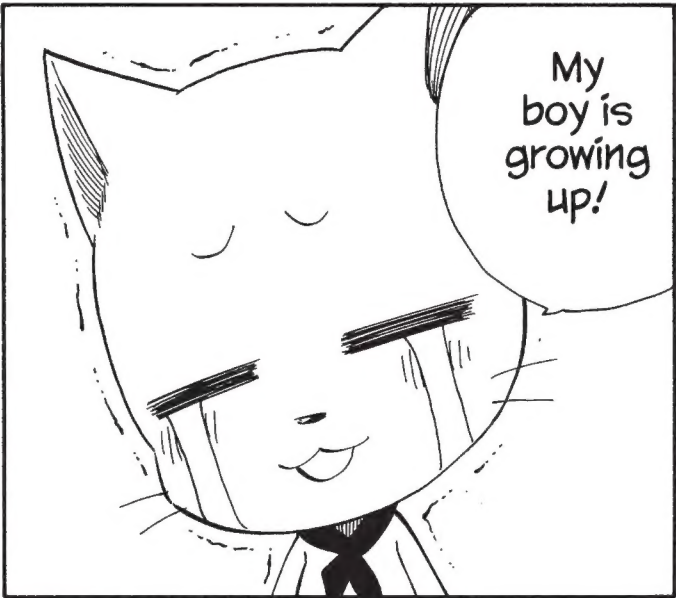
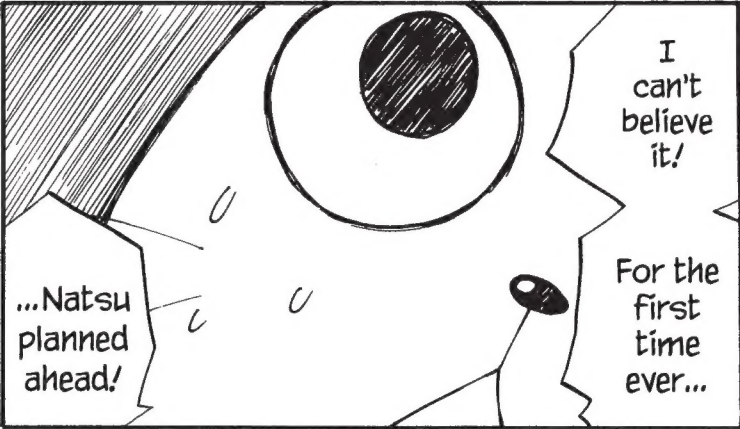
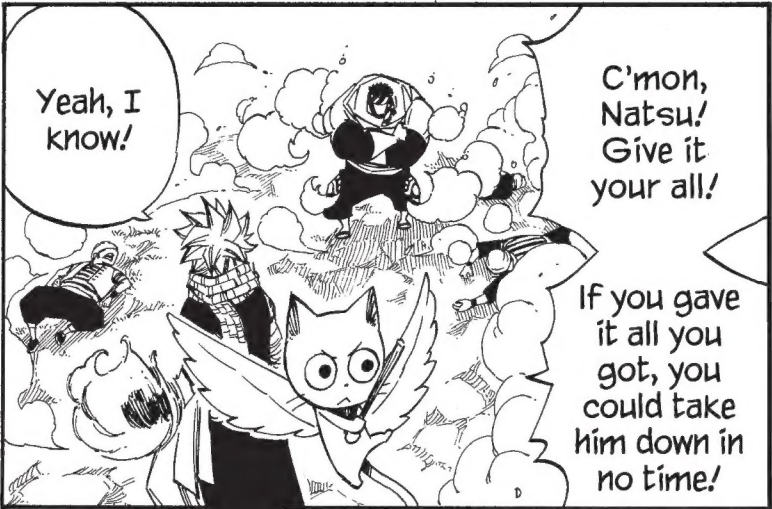
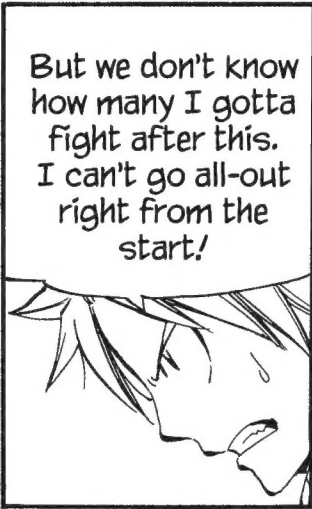
...nice scarf!

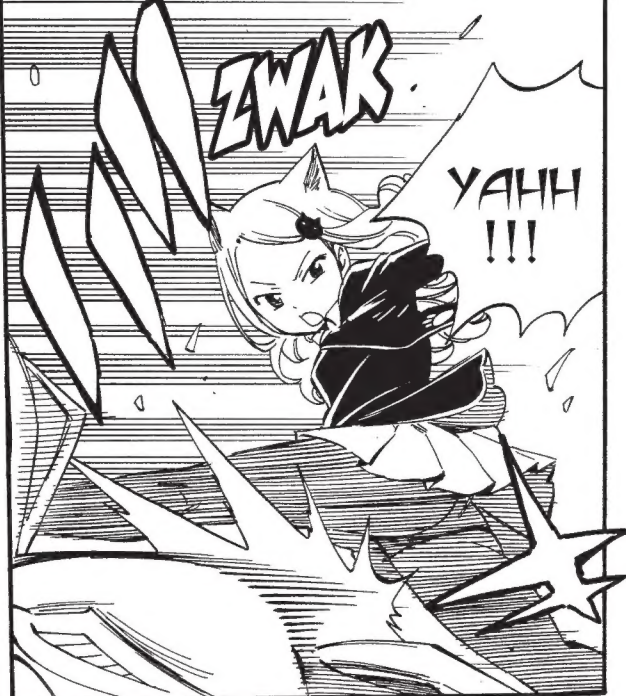


That *is* all he's good for!
What's he gonna do?!

But I thought that physical force was all that Commander Bakel was good for!

He pushed Commander Bakel back with a *punch?!*



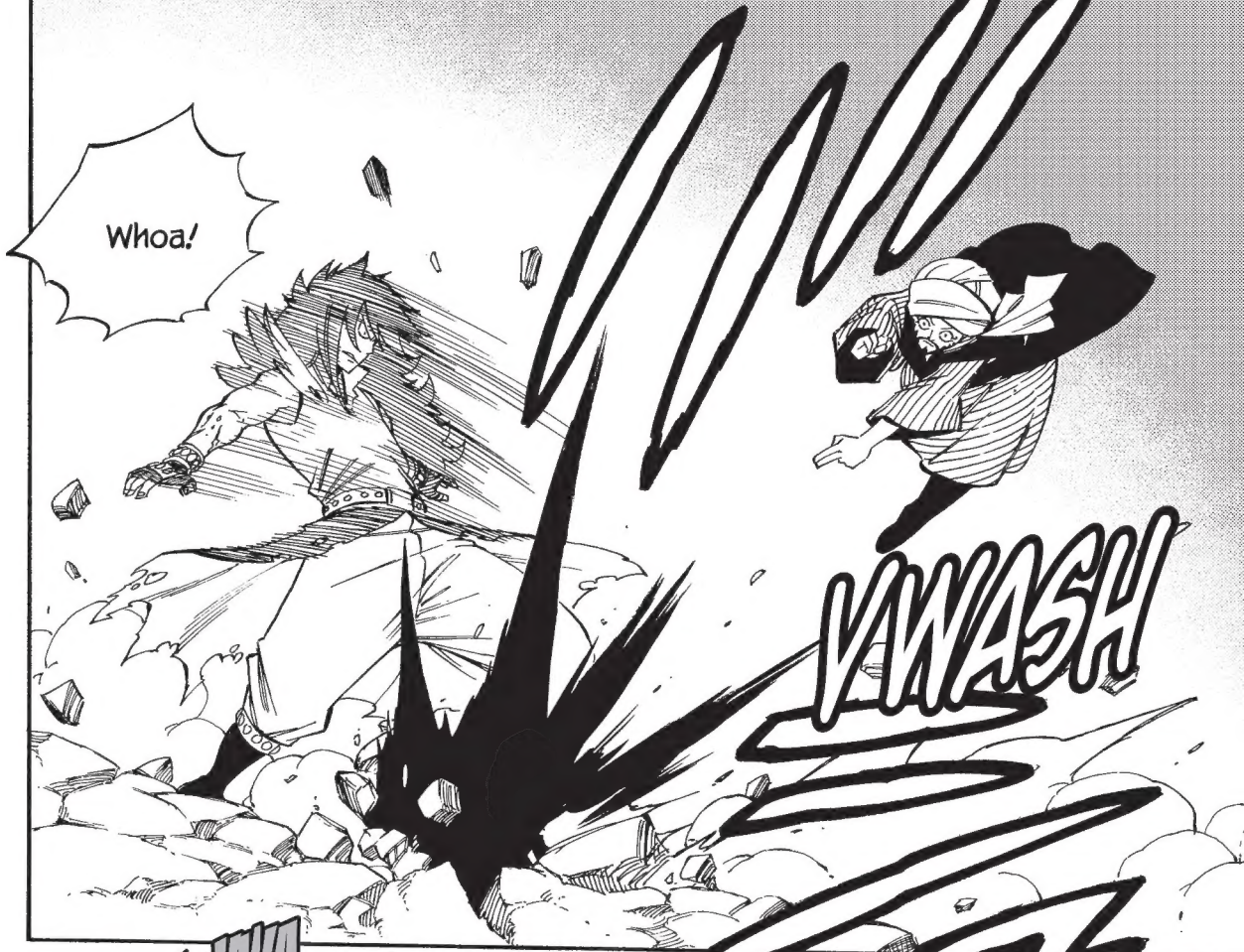


*Sky Dragon's Roar!!!!



**Iron Dragon Lance!!!!





Whoa!

VWASH

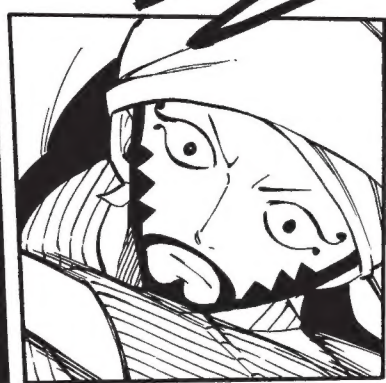


IWA

IWA

IWA

IWA



Carrying out orders!

Kareem of Ajeel Division!



Oh?



The streets of western Magnolia ...



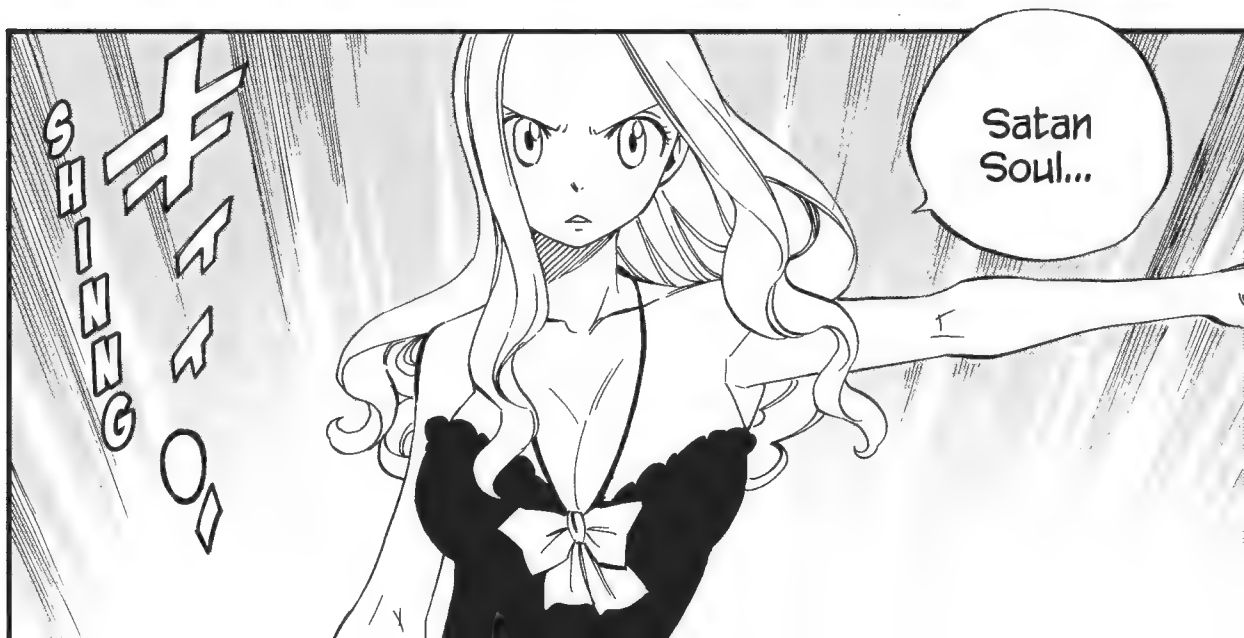
Still, there are not as many as when we fought Avatar!

Look at all of them!



And this is just one part... of another part... of the entire army! Dammit!

Yeah, but these wizards have more training and stronger magic!





Stealing
her body
is *nice*?

My
sister is
way too
nice...!

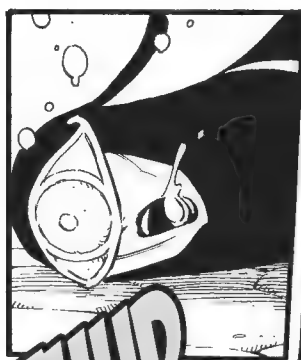
Well, if Mira
had just left
her, she'd
probably
have died!

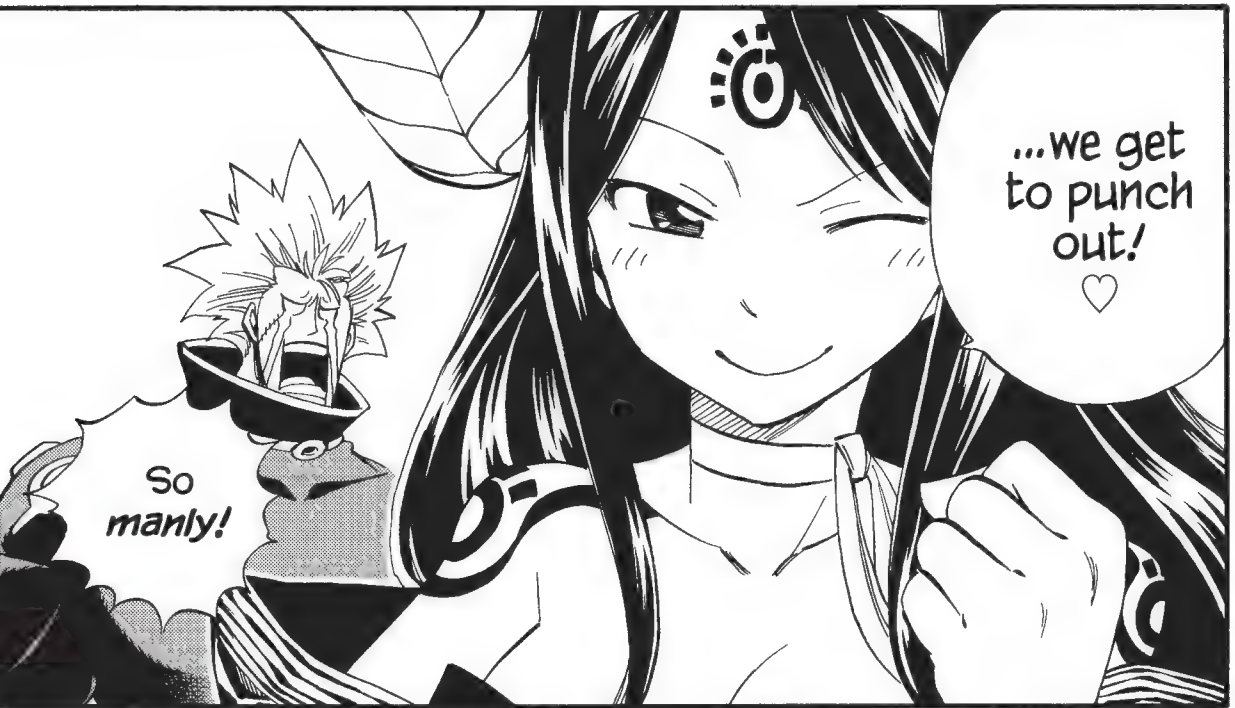


Did
she do a
takeover
on her?!



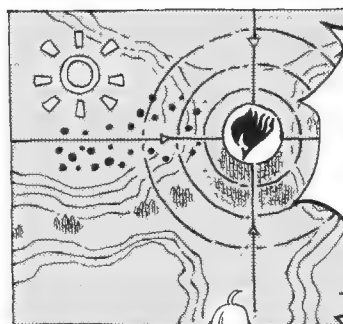
WHIA...?!







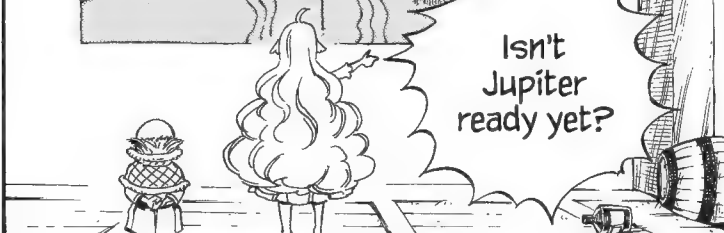
Even if we manage to survive this battle, we *know* that bigger forces are on their way...



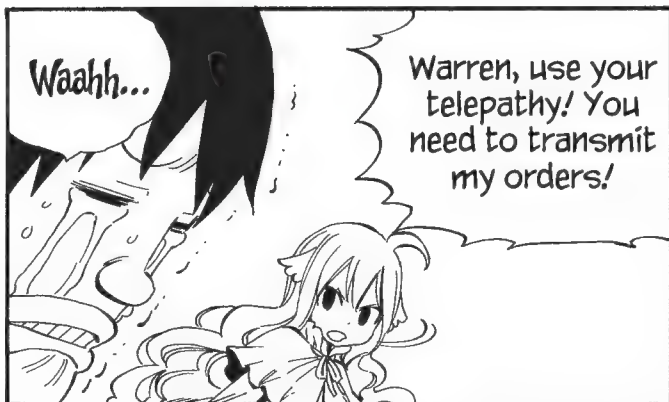
Osprey Force, Erza's aerial battle is not going well for her!

The guild ...

Isn't Jupiter ready yet?



Warren
!!!



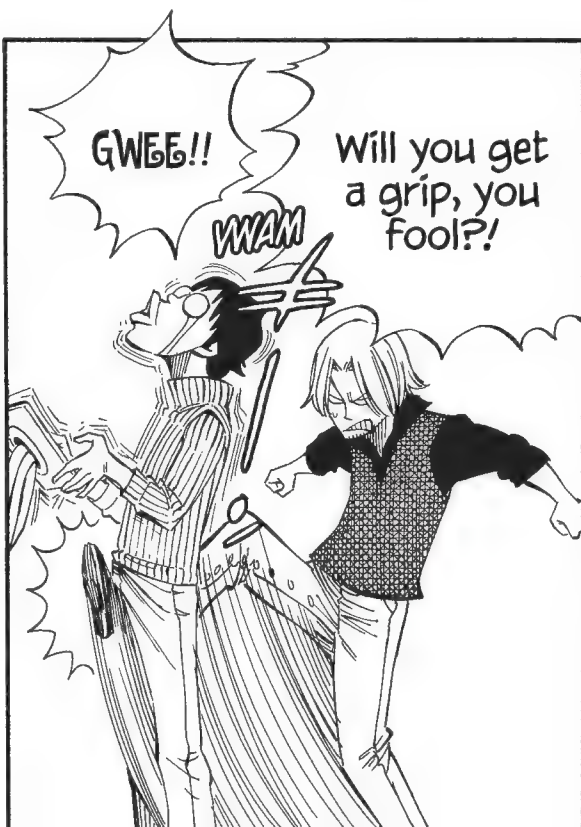
Waaahh...

Warren, use your telepathy! You need to transmit my orders!



Max...

Everybody's scared! My knees have been knocking since this started!



GWEE!!

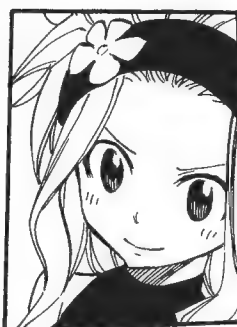
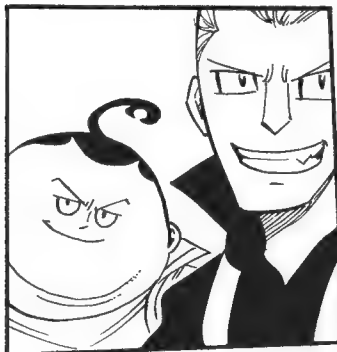
WAM

Will you get a grip, you fool?!



**But we
gotta
fight
!!!!**

**This is our
home!!!!
We gotta
protect our
home!!!!**



This is
Warren...

Yes...

Osprey
Force, can
you hear
me?



GWEE!

You don't
kick a guy in
the junk!

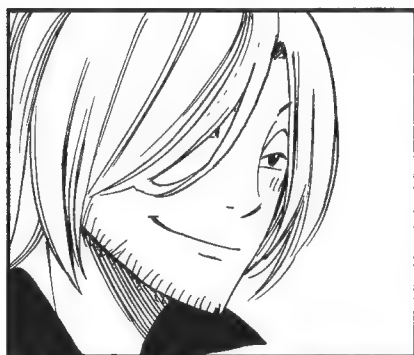
ZWUMP!!



We're counting on you! Save our guild!



Five minutes until Jupiter is charged up!



Thanks, Max.



...



Don't worry about it.

I'm sorry, First Master... They have no class!



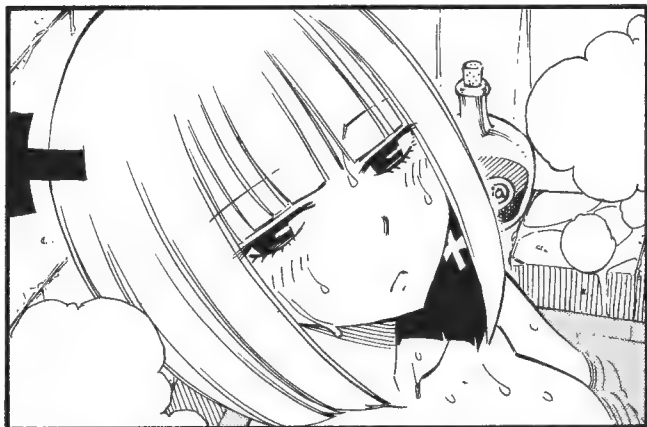
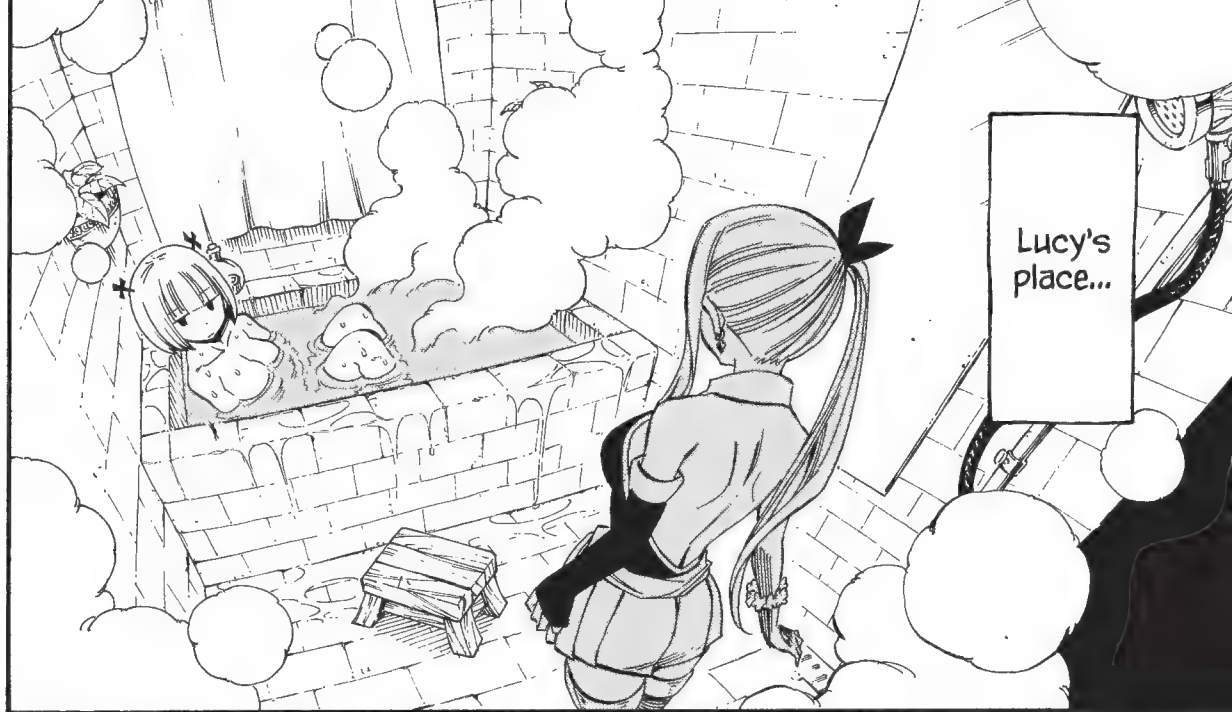
Well, you booted my nads first!

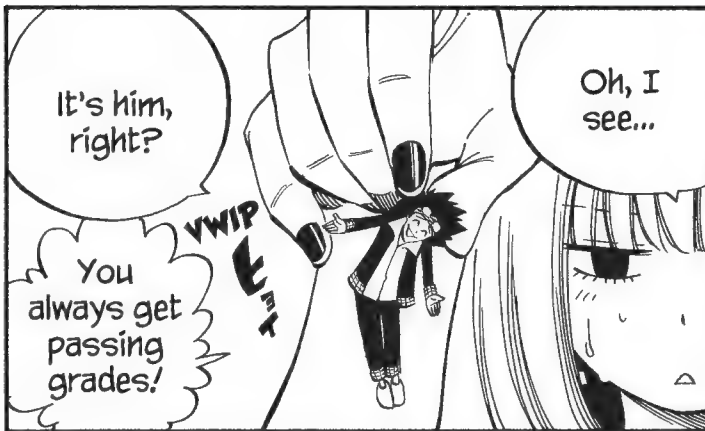
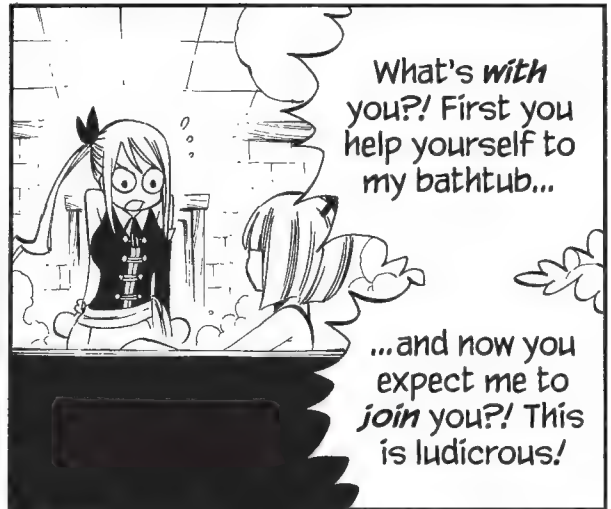
What'd you poke me in the butt for?!

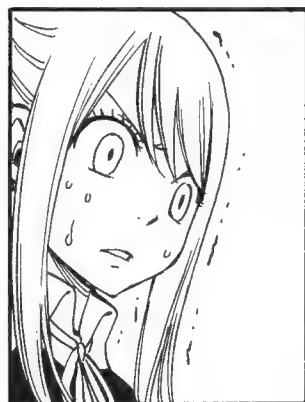


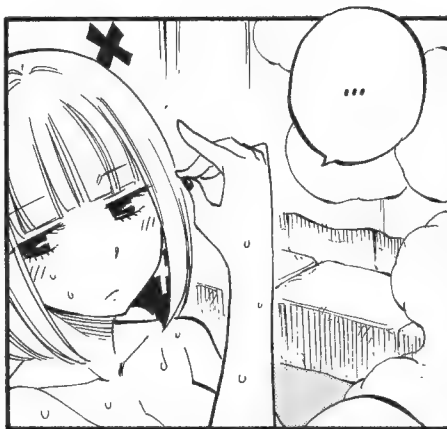
A strategy... I need to come up with a new strategy...

The minute I give up, that's when all is lost!











I want to see, too! Just kidding!



This is your last chance. Get in the bath.

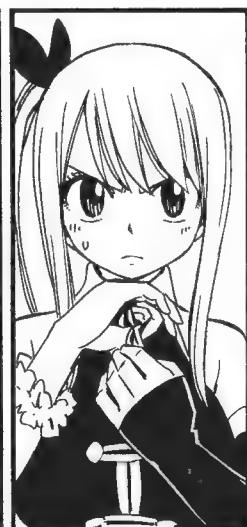
That's an order.



I don't know what she's up to...



I can't beat her with magic.



Get ready for a naked battle!

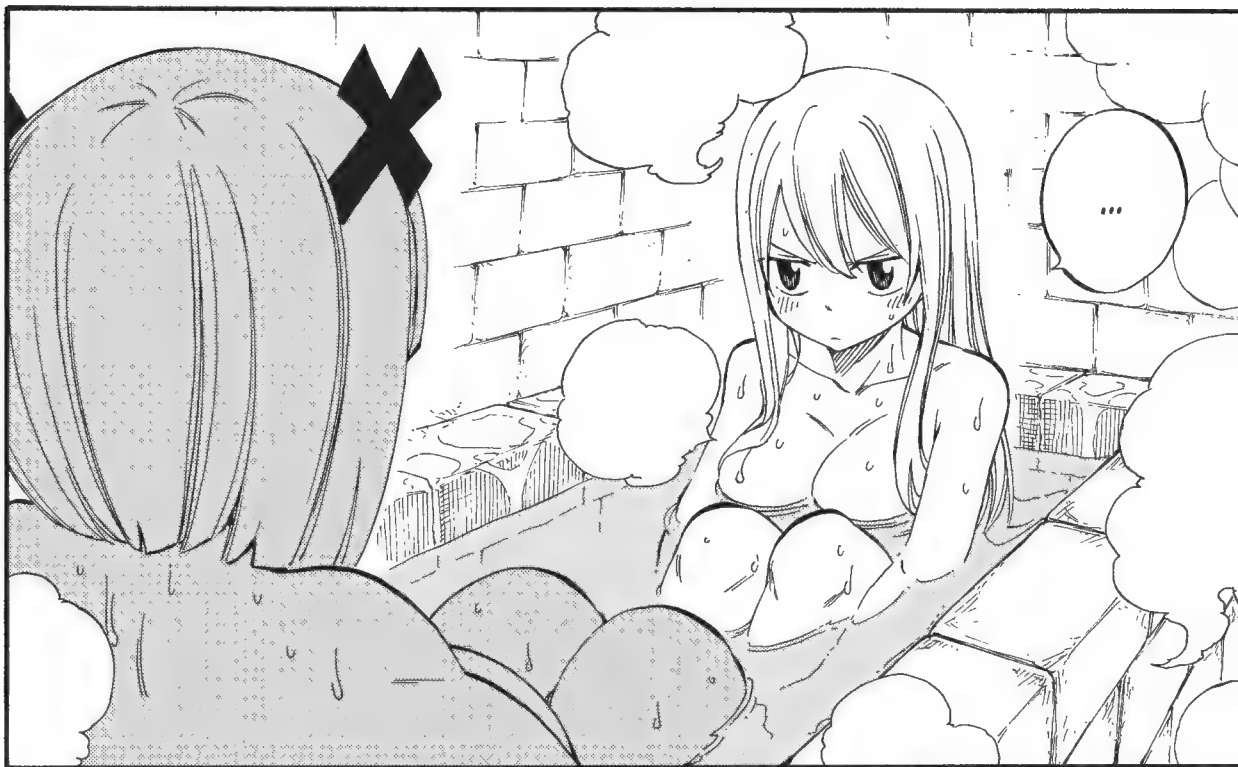
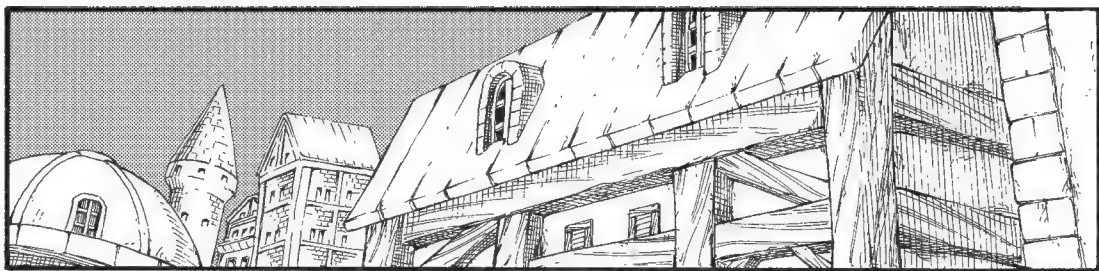
...but I can play it her way!

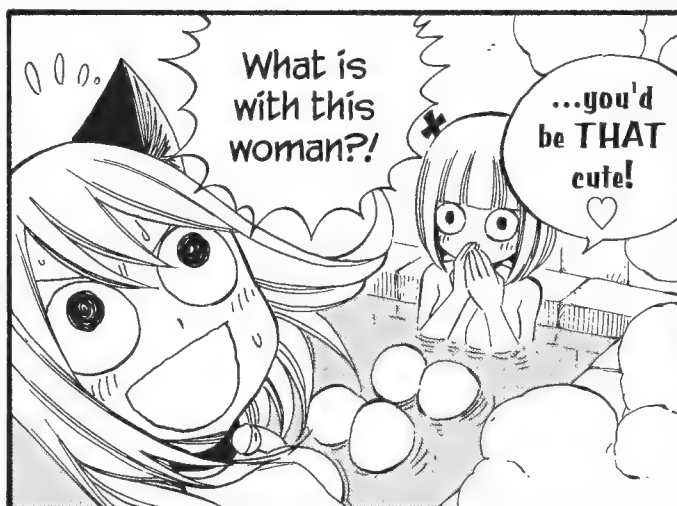
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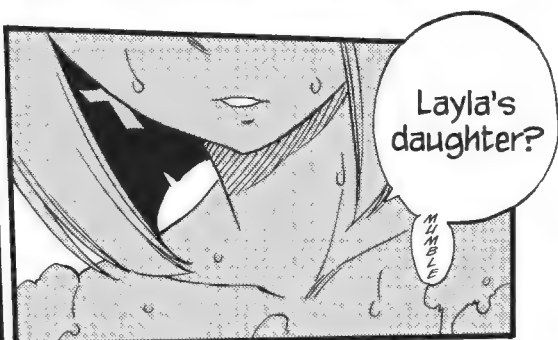
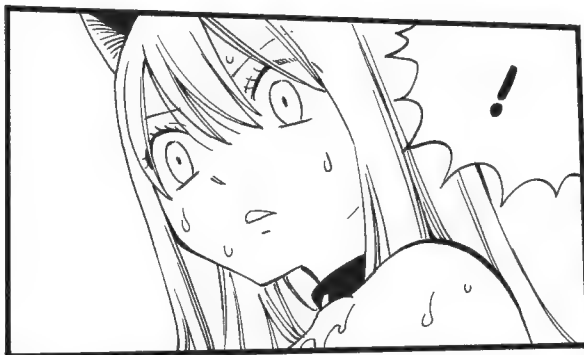
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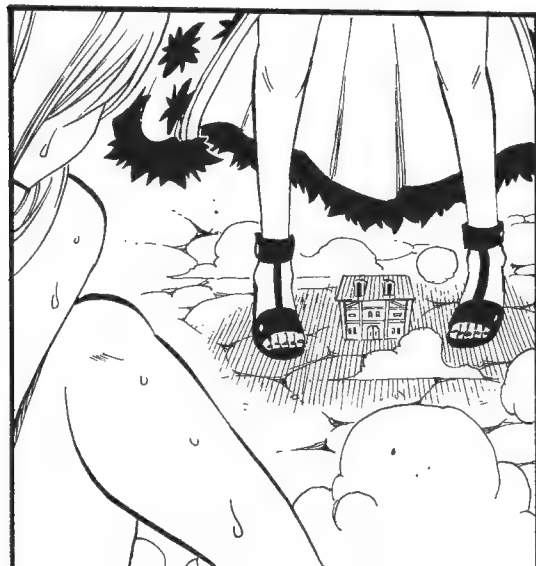
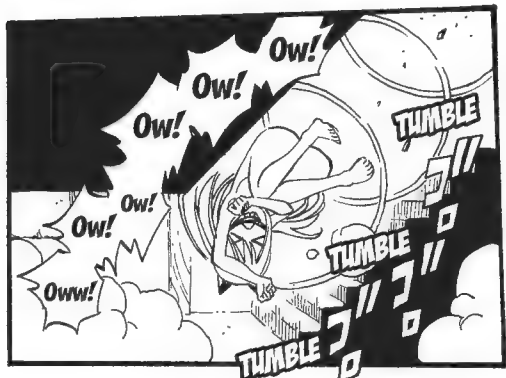


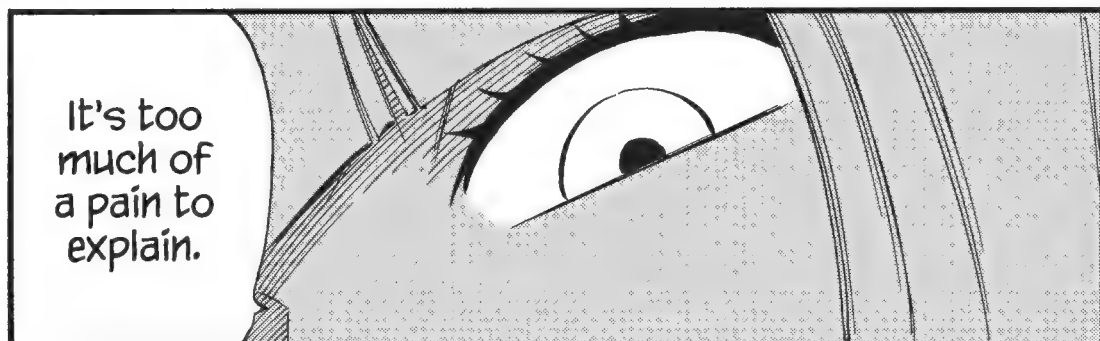












BOOM

You think you
can treat our
town like your
own personal
playground?!

You're
just an
eyesore!



Y-You've
got it all
wrong,
this is...

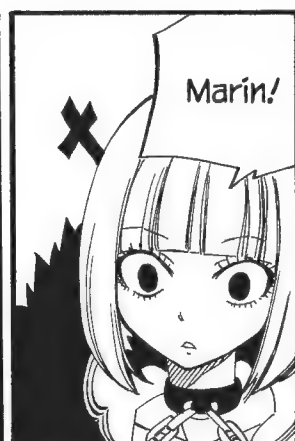
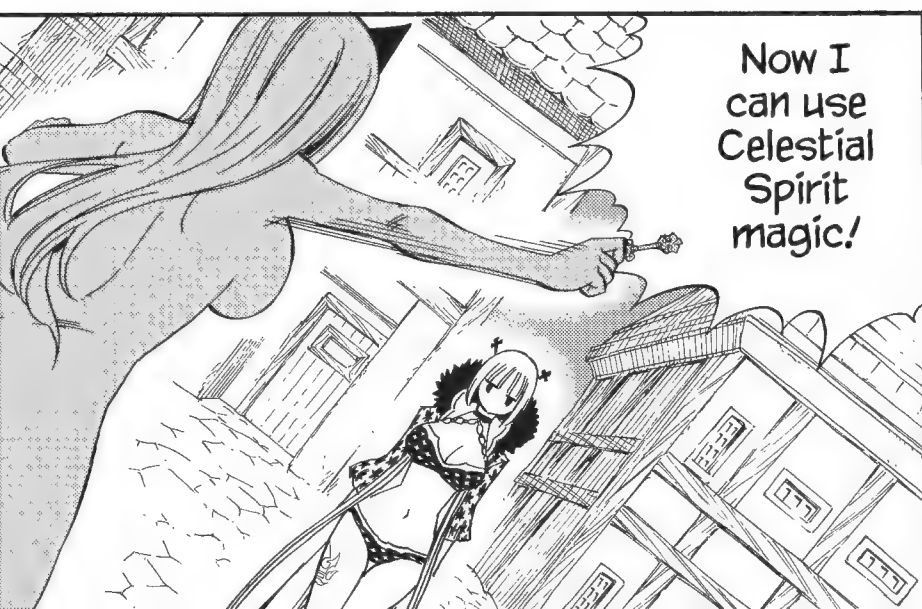
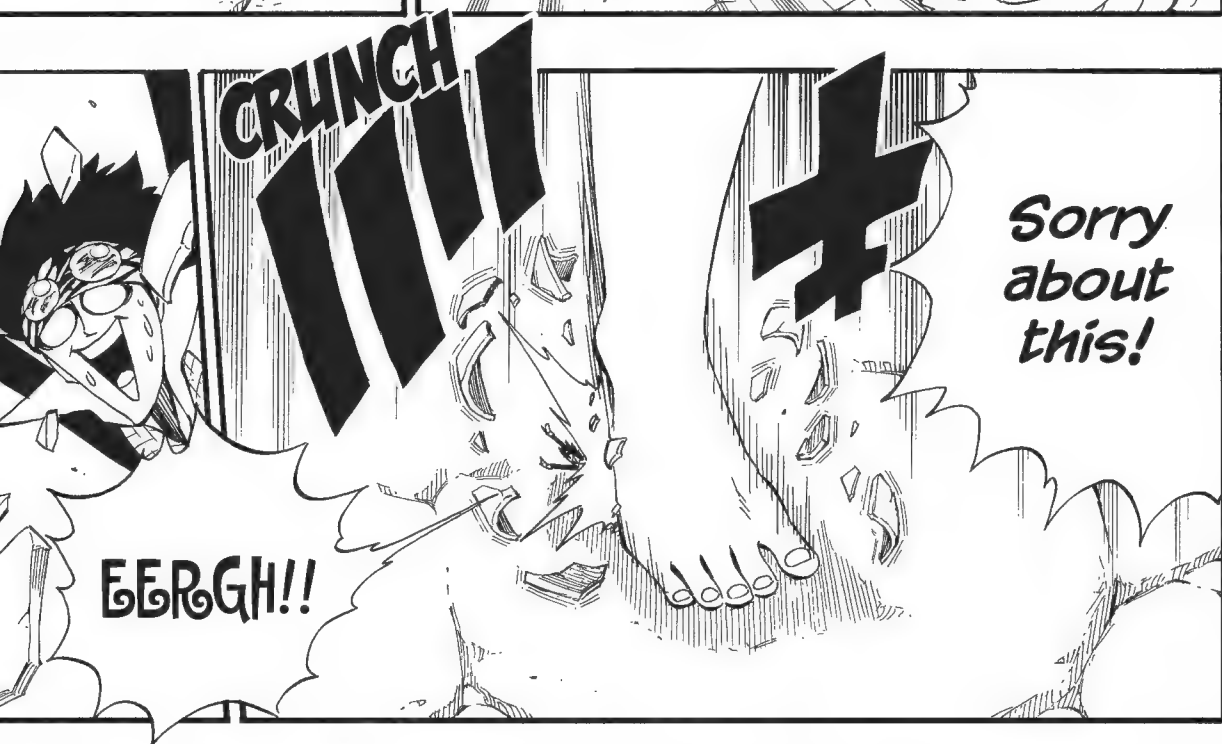
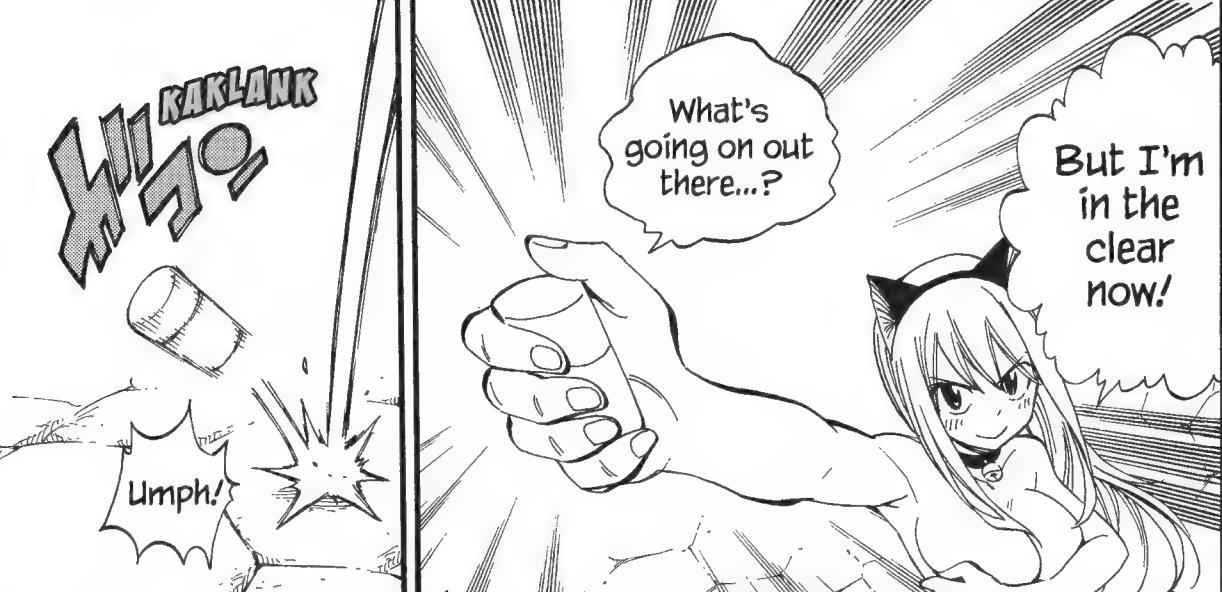
I didn't know
you were so...
intense about
roleplay.

...That's
some
outfit you
got there.

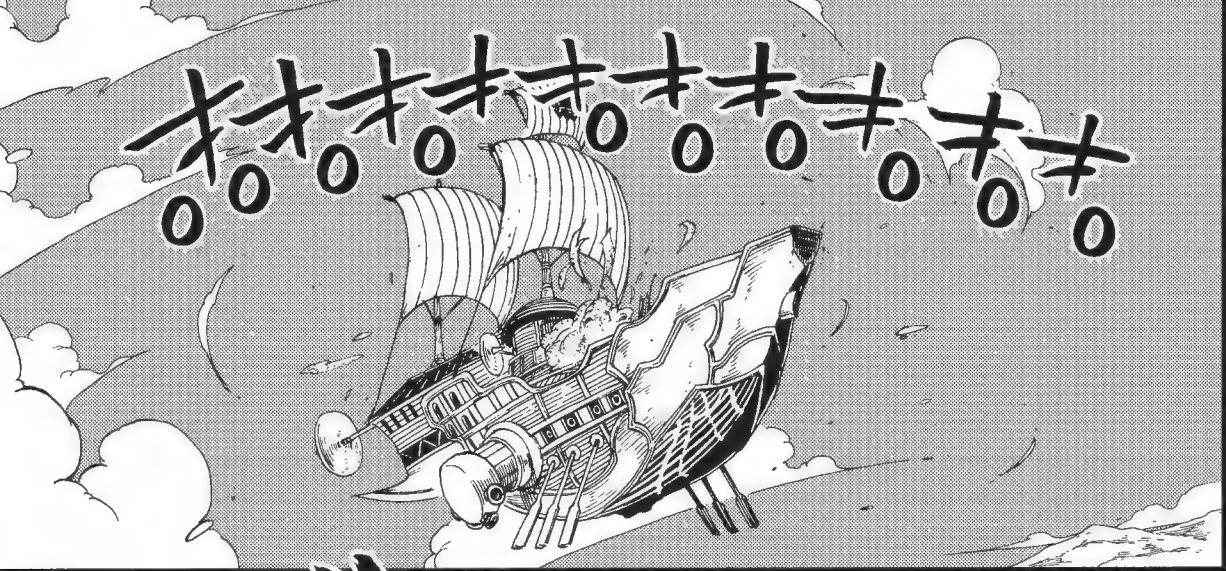


Cana!





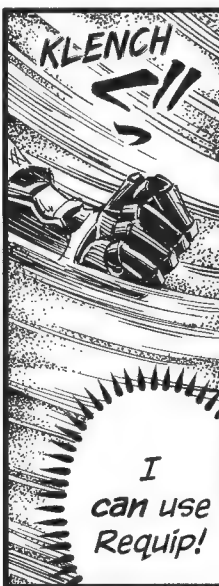




Wind
?!



VWAM



KLENCH

I
can use
Requip!



!!

XOXOXOXO

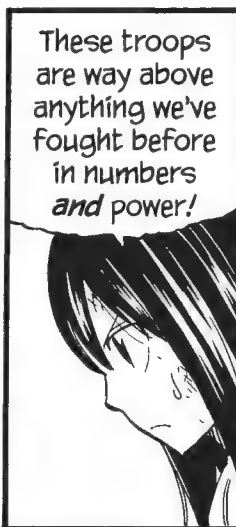
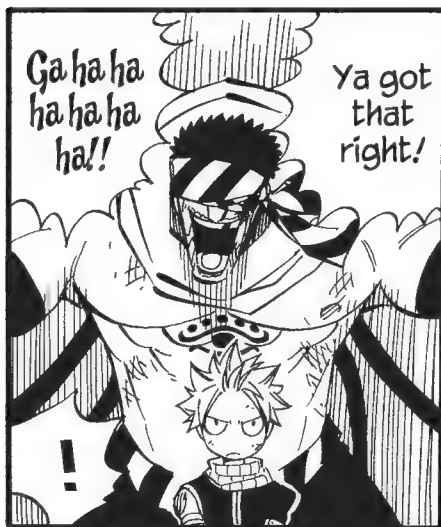


WIND-
GOD
ARMOR!

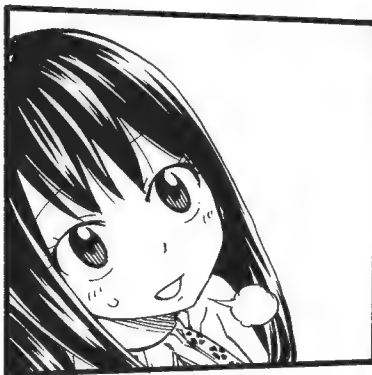
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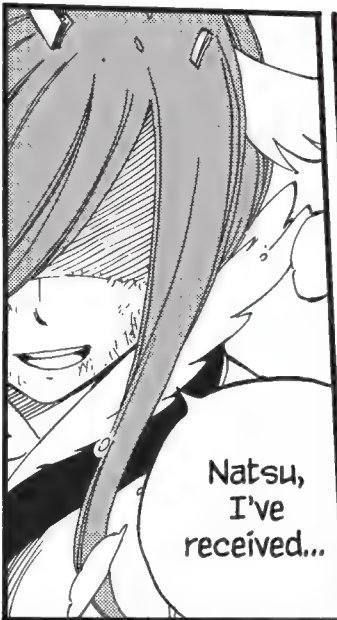
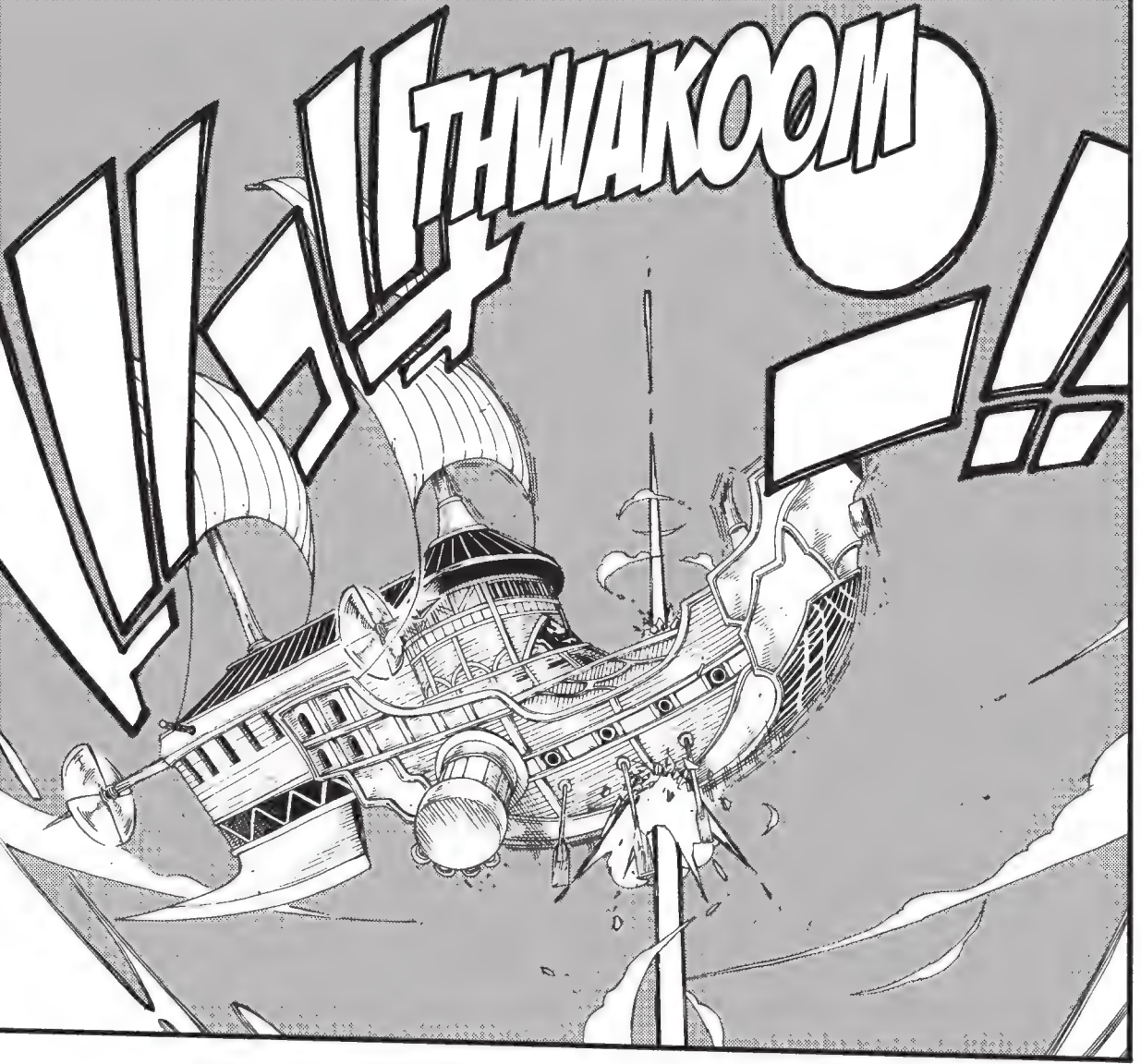




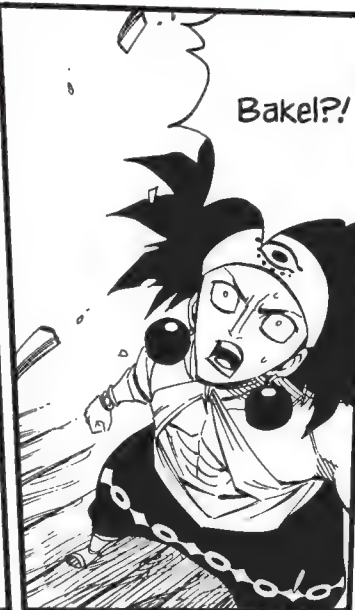




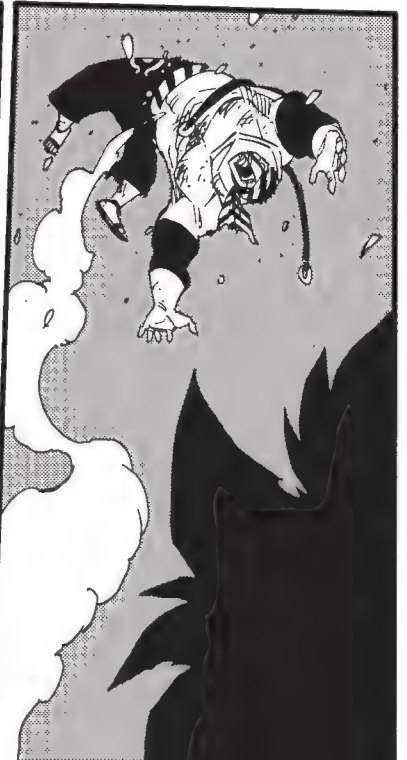


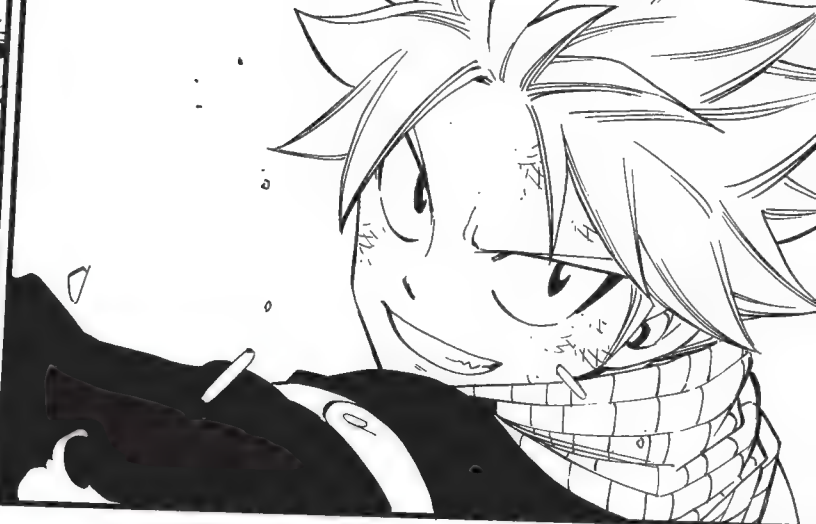


Natsu,
I've
received...



Bake!?!





...your
fighting
spirit!

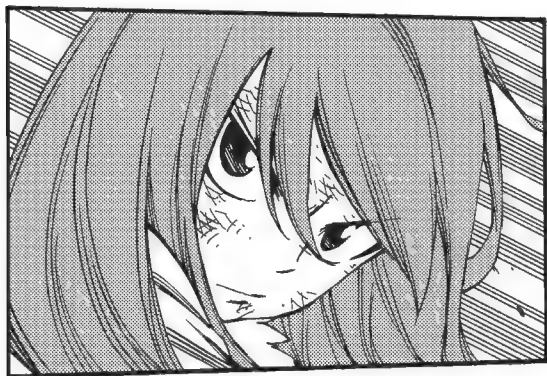
GAAH!!

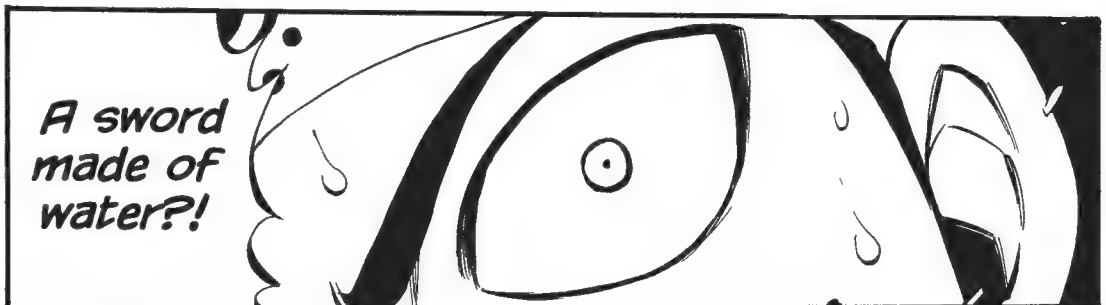
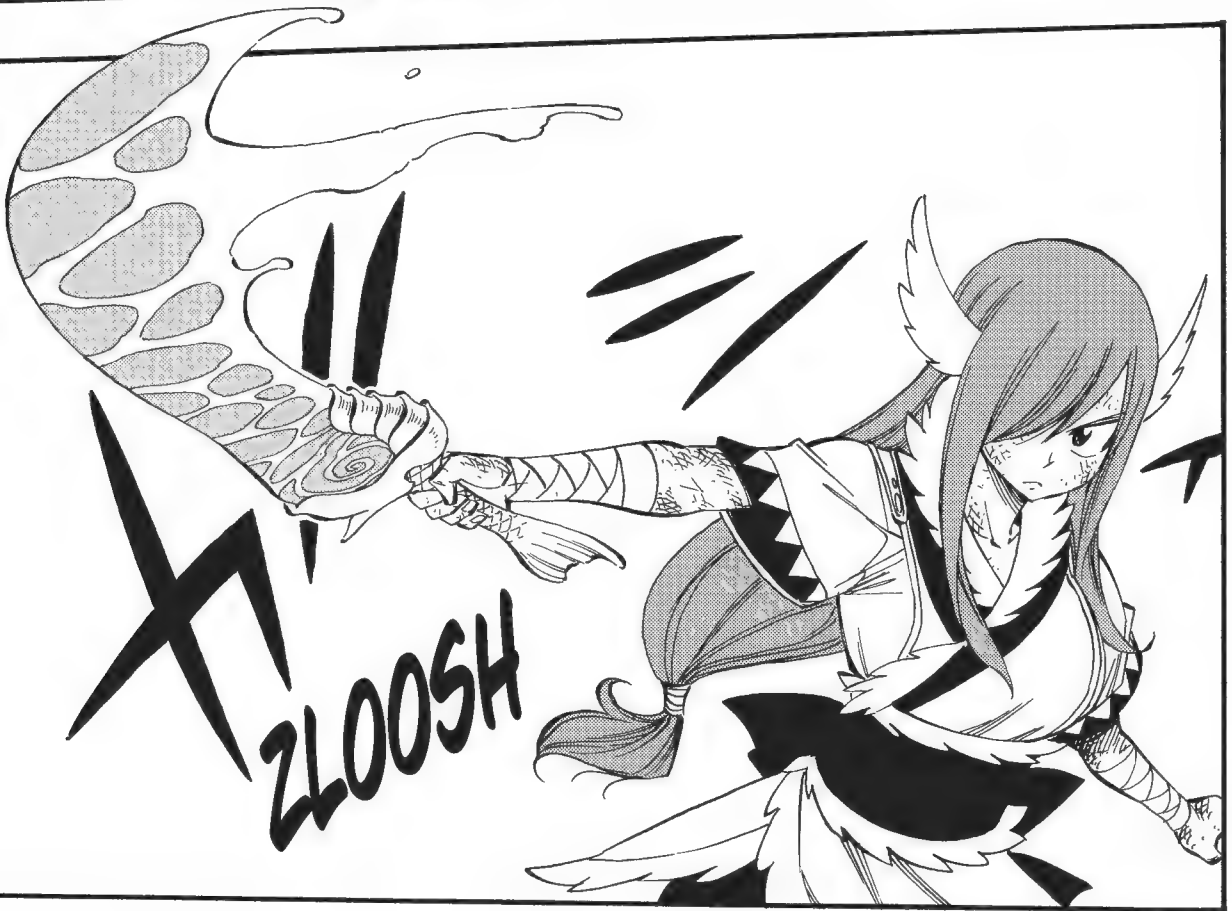
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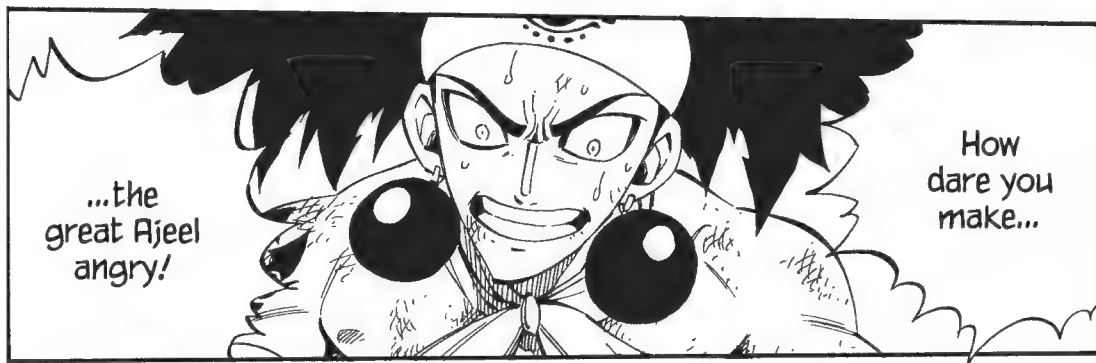
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Chapter 458: Morning Star









It's futile!
I've already
figured out
how to fight
that magic!



The Wind
God Sword
can blow sand
away!



Then how
about a sand-
storm?!



Sand has
too many
weak-
nesses.





We'll use
our dragon
noses to
hunt down
the enemy
and crush
them!

You
cats
stay
back!



This
is bad!
The enemy
is still
coming!

I can't
see any-
thing!



Probably
that sand
wizard
up there,
right?!

What the-?
Where'd
this sand-
storm come
from...?



KOFF
KOFF

What's
going
on?!

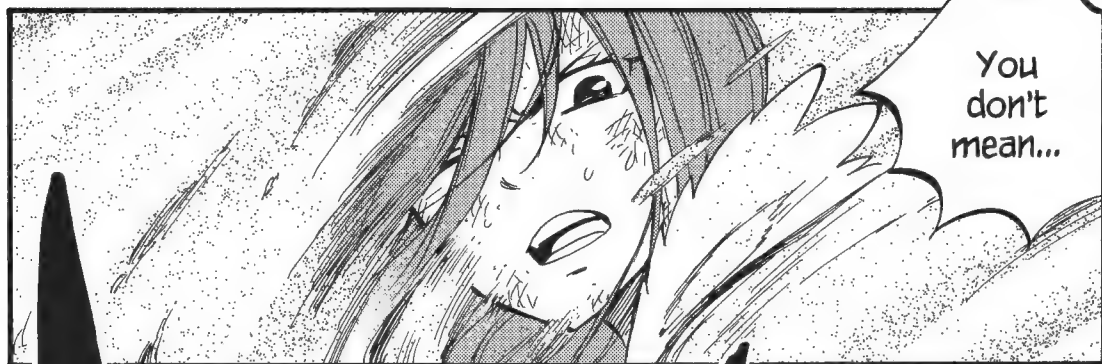


Freaky
weather!

Go shut
every door
in the guild,
please!

What is
this?!





You
don't
mean...



...that you're
covering the
entire town
in this sand-
storm...?!



They
really *are* in
a class of
their own!

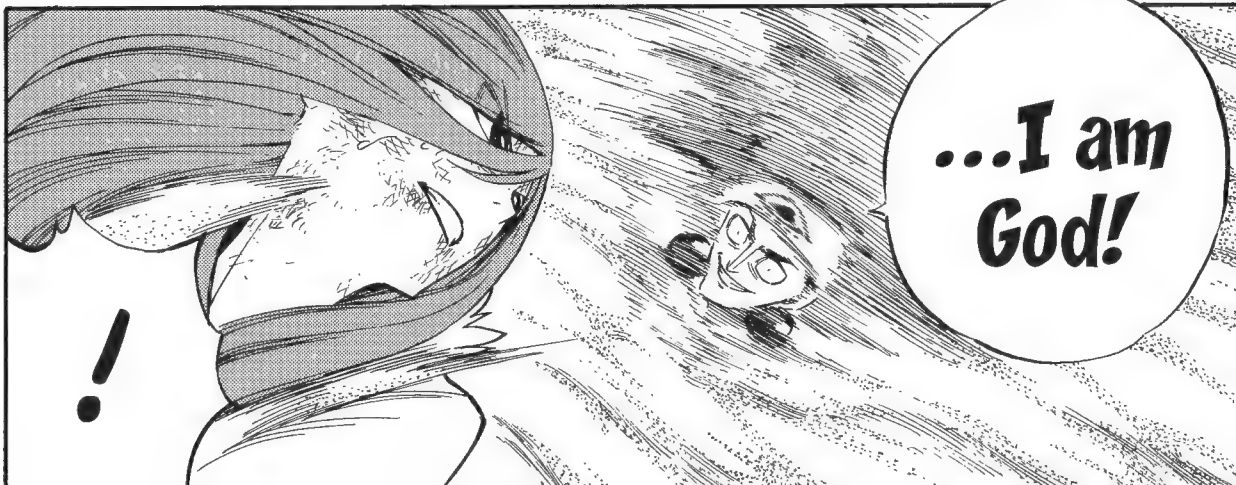
One
can shrink
a whole
island...

...another
can create
massive sand-
storms...



Welcome to
the Sand
World!

In this
world...



...I am
God!



*Raml Saif = Sand Sword in Arabic.





There
you
are!



But I
can see
you!

I can
see how
terrified
you are!



Ngh!

GRAB



Pathetic! That
won't get you
anywhere!



GHUH...

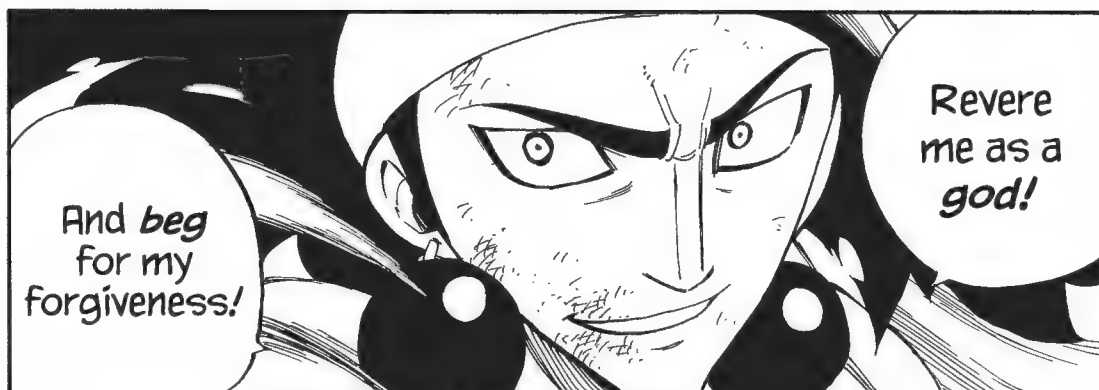
AA...

...AA...



GAH...

AH...

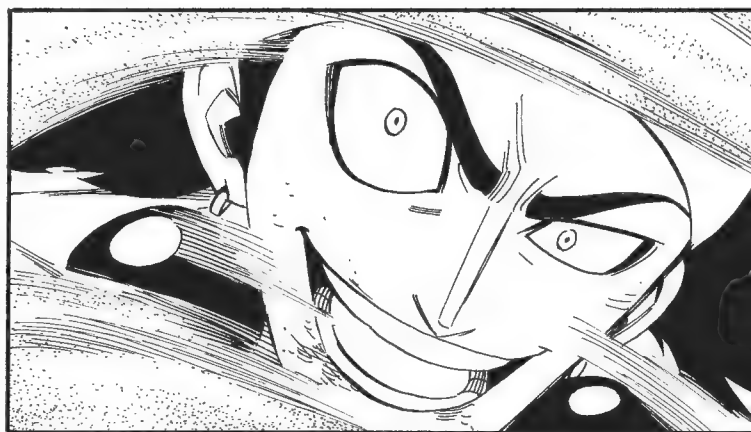




AH...

EV...

EVEN...



Because we
know who we
can put our
faith in!



Huh?



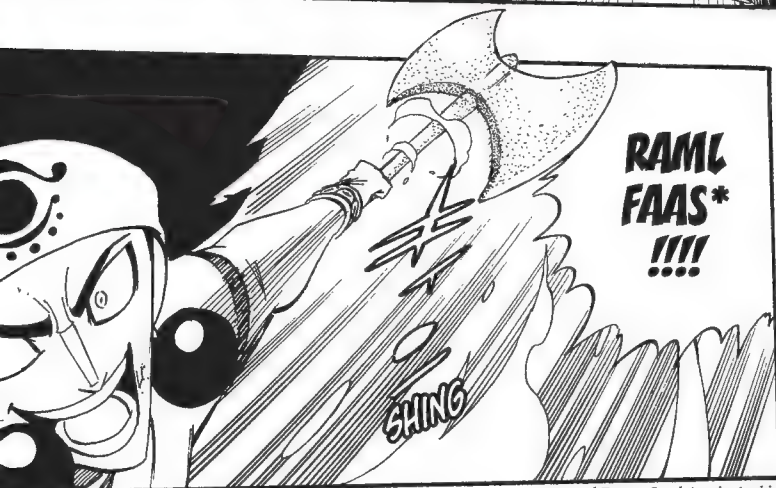
Even if
you did
become a
god...

My guild...
would never...
be afraid...
of you...

X FLASH

**MORNING
STAR
ARMOR
!!!!**

That
won't save
you!

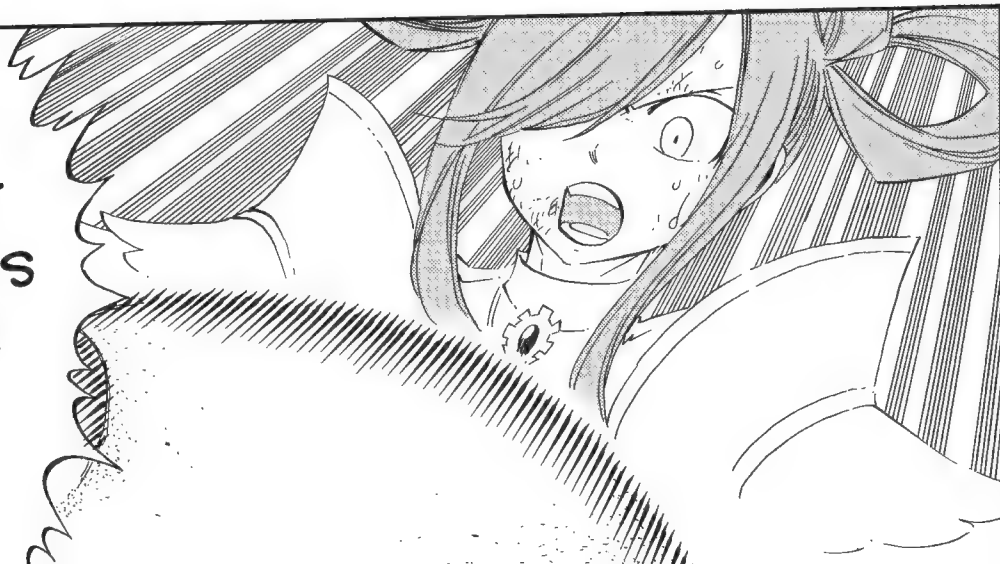


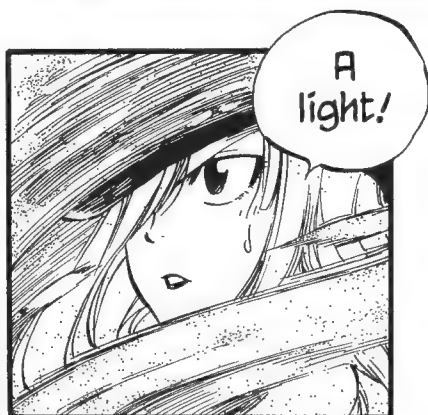
**RAML
FAAS*
!!!!**

SHING

*Raml Faas = Sand Axe in Arabic.

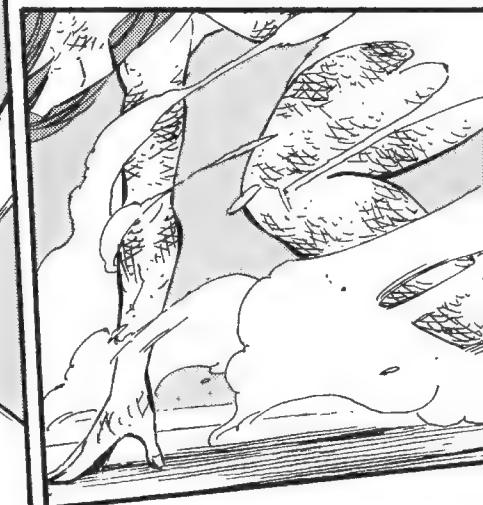
Your
head is
mine
!!!!

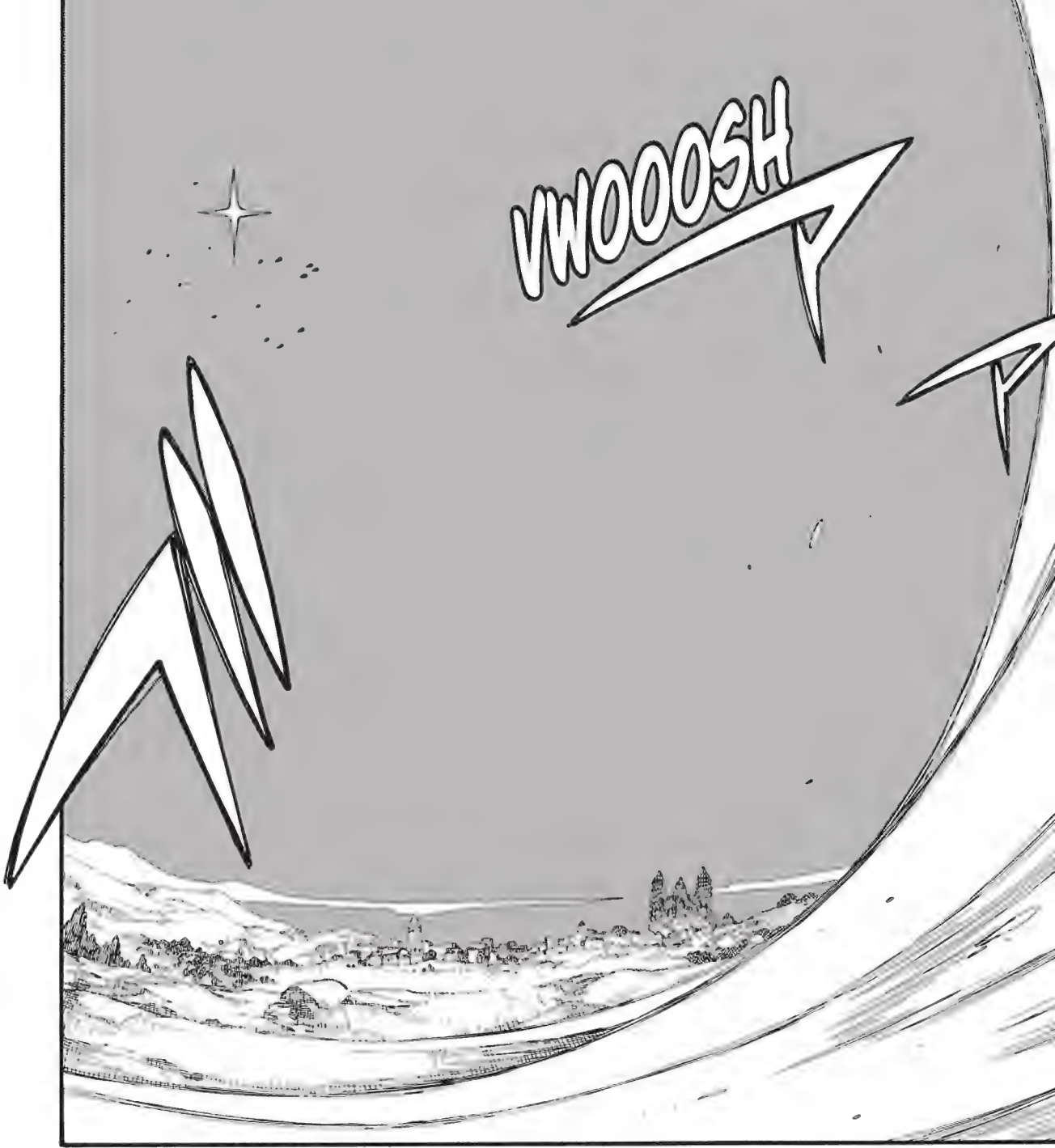


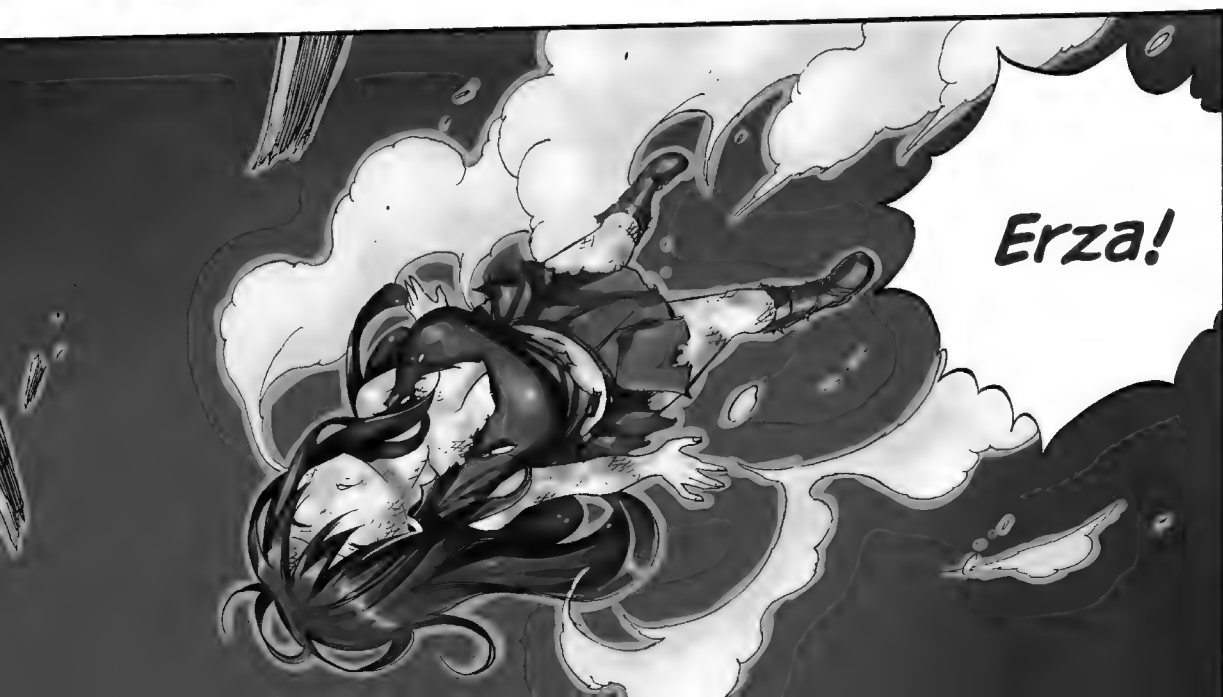
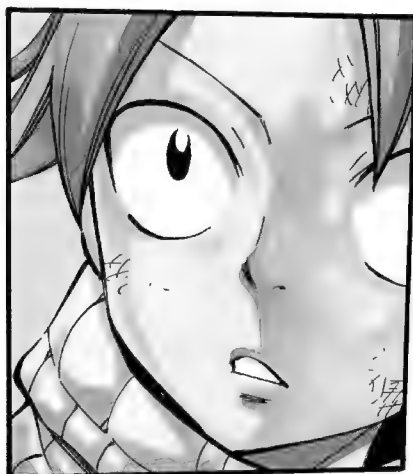




N-Not...
possible...





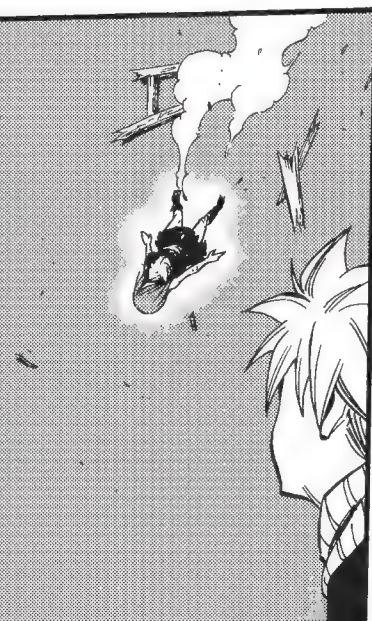


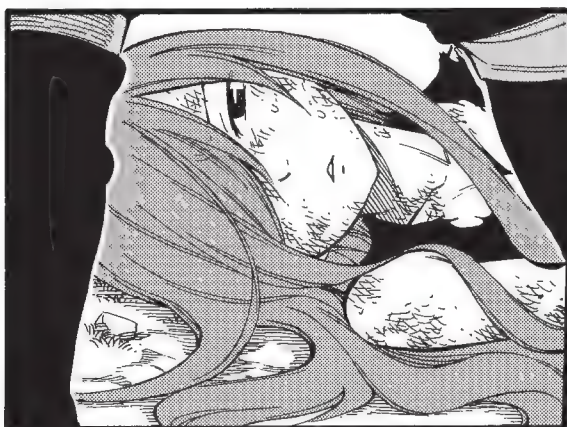
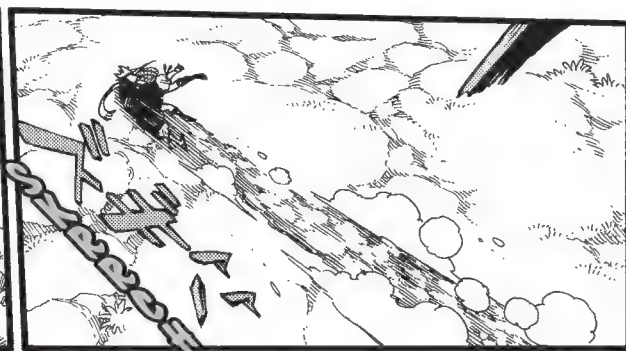
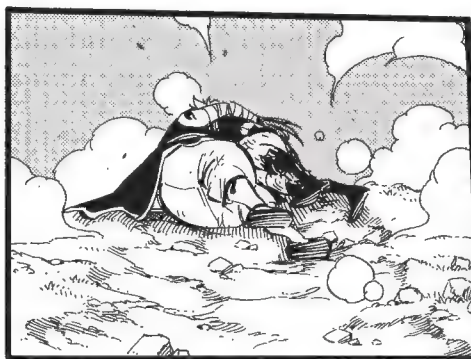
Erza!

Chapter 459: Weakness









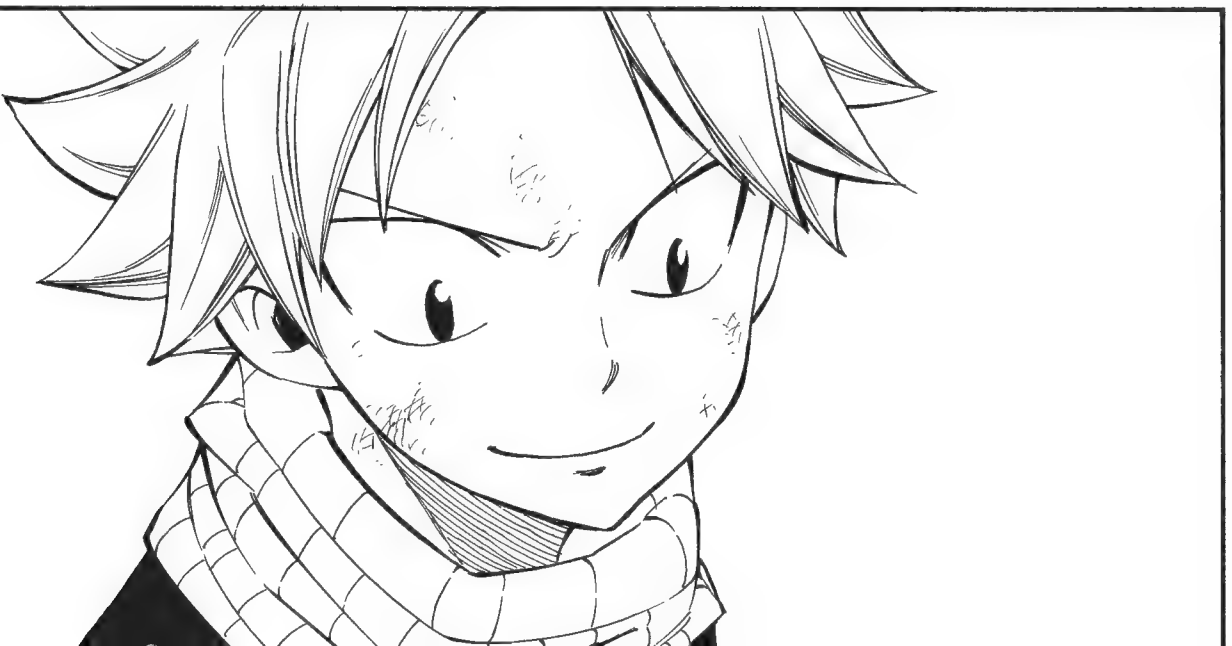
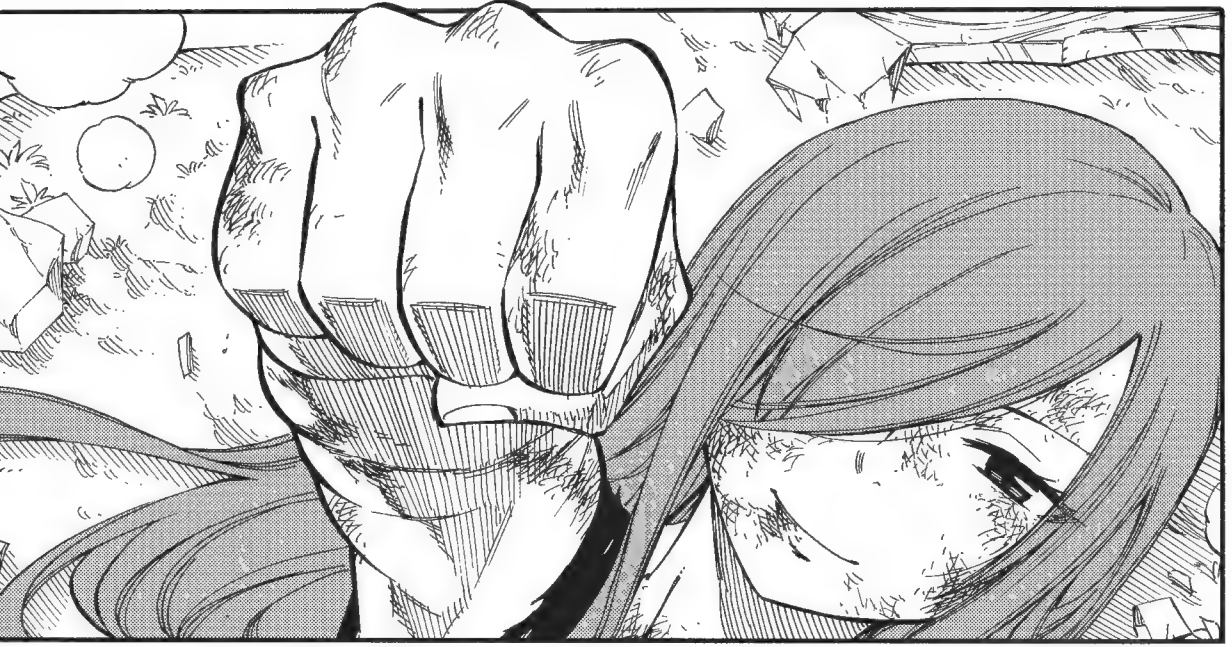
Erza!

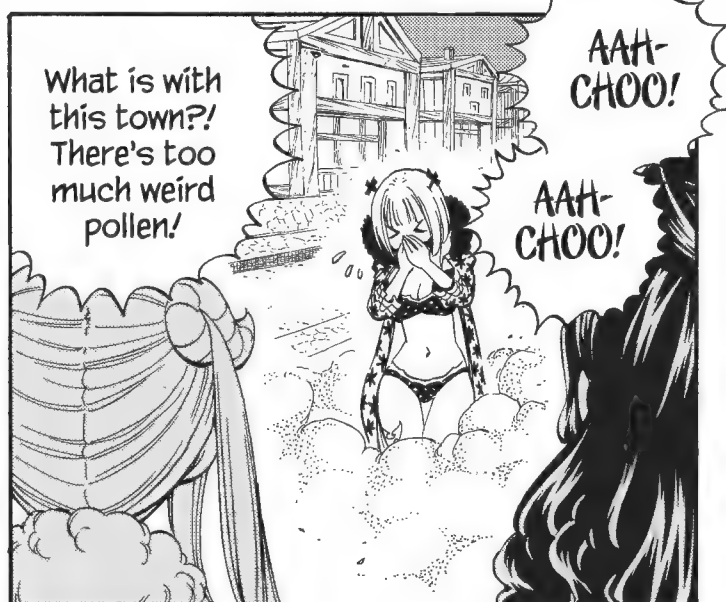
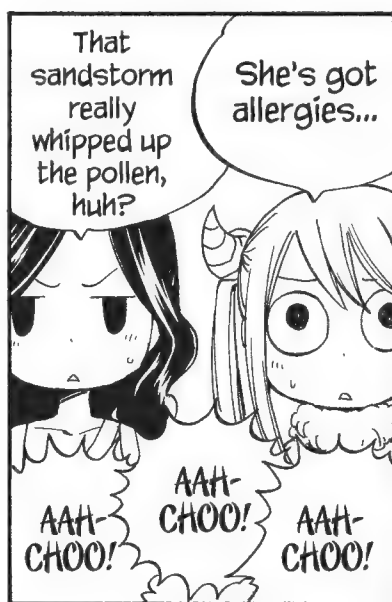
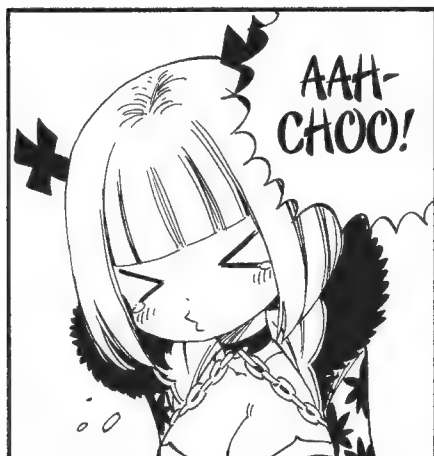
Are you
okay?!
Hang in
there!

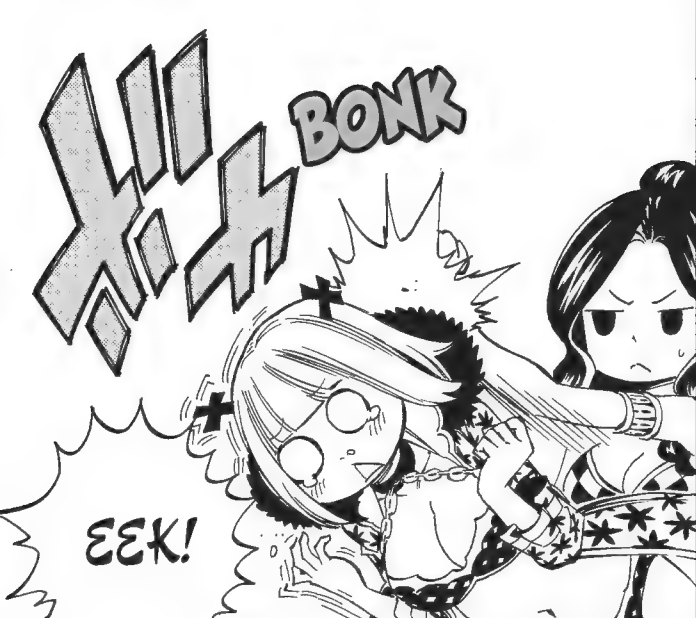


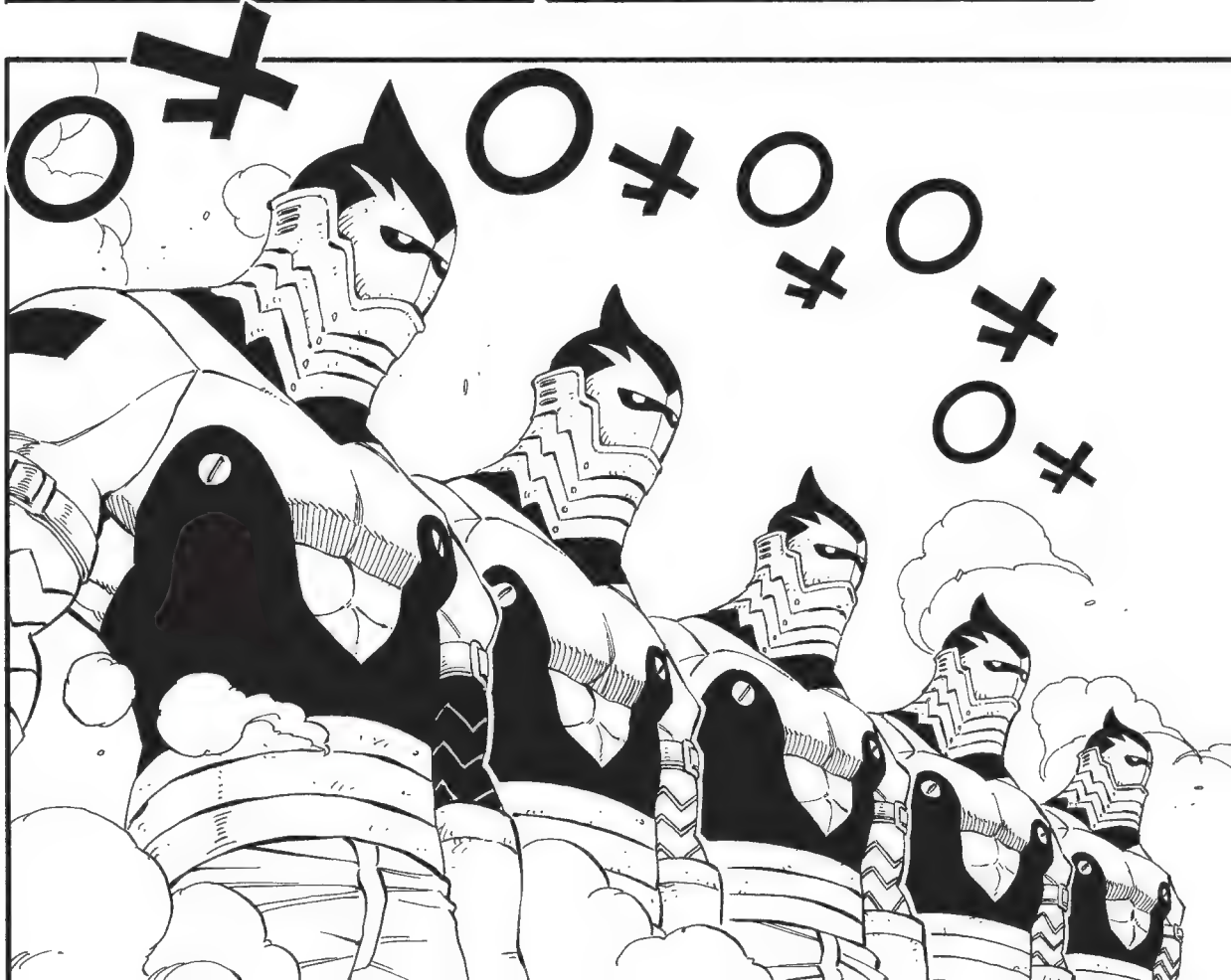
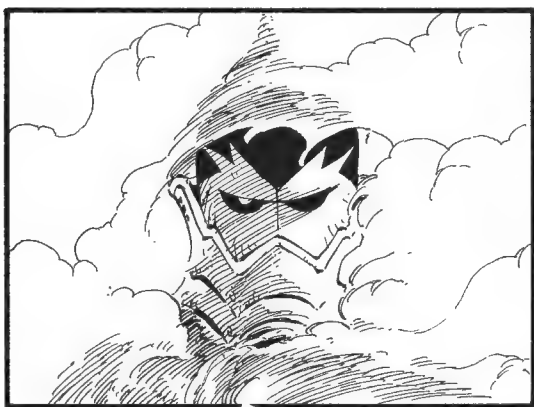
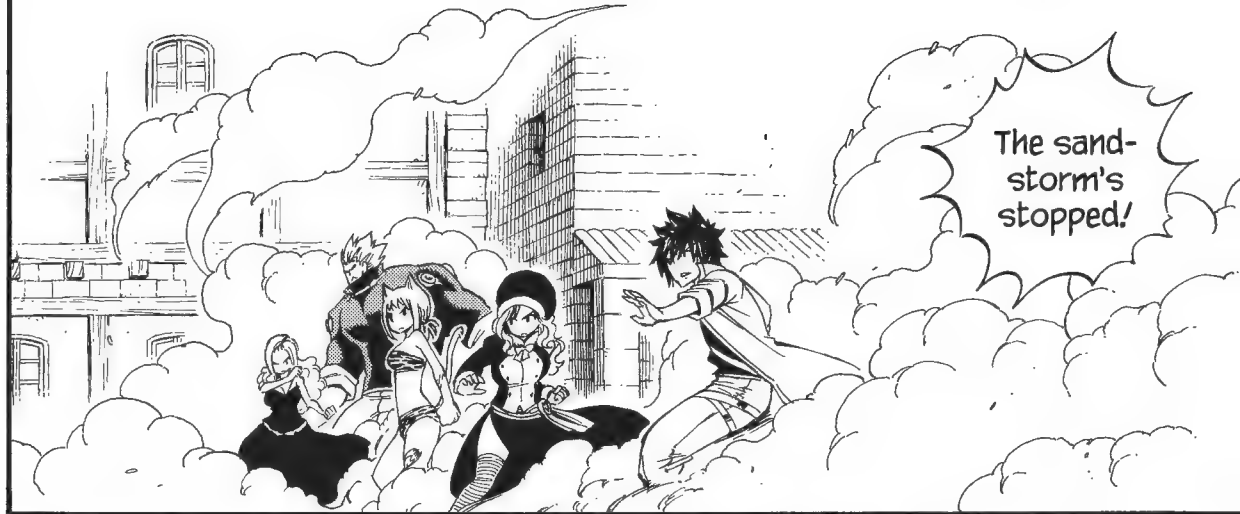
Good! Just hold on. Wendy will be here really soon!

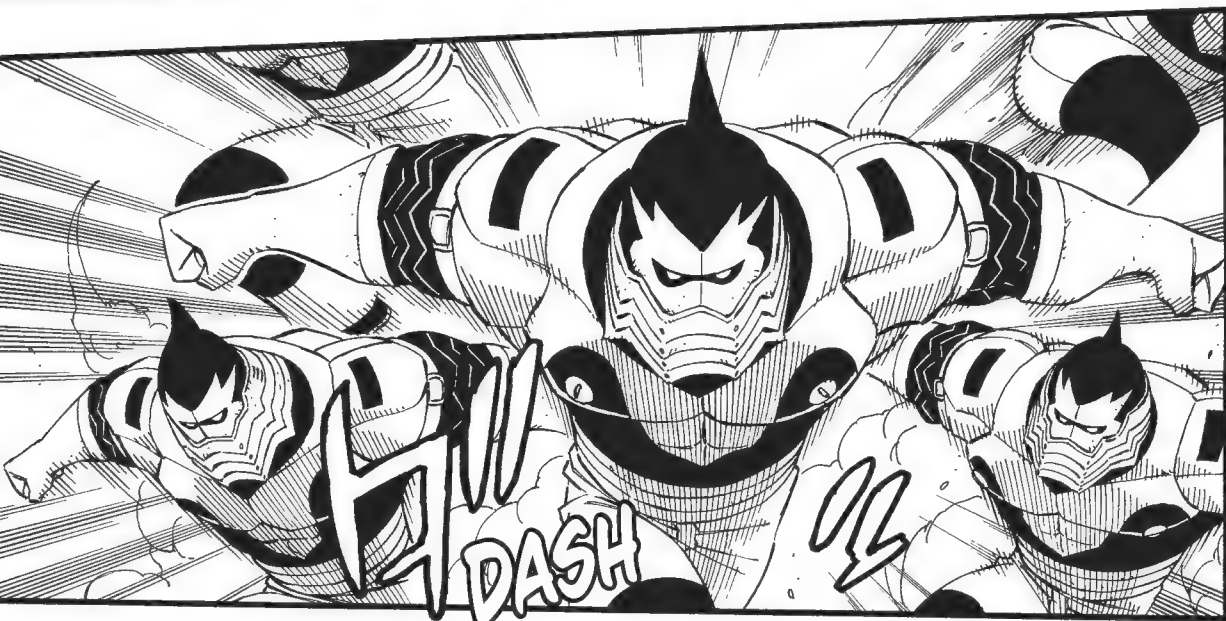
Natsu...





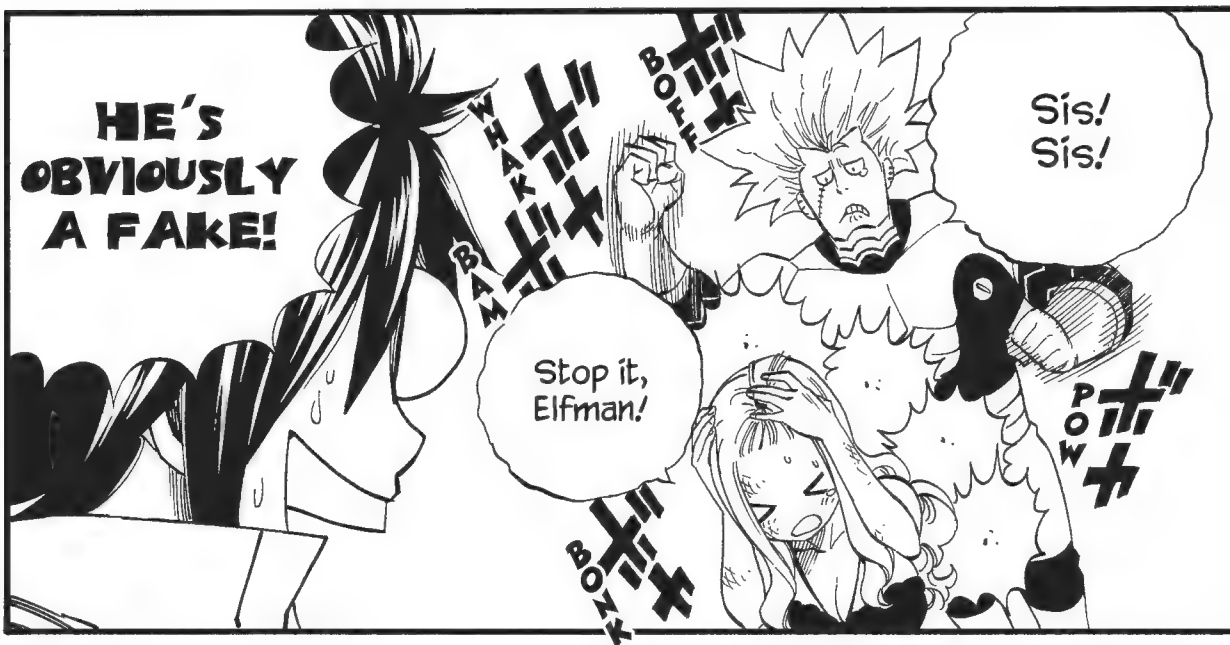
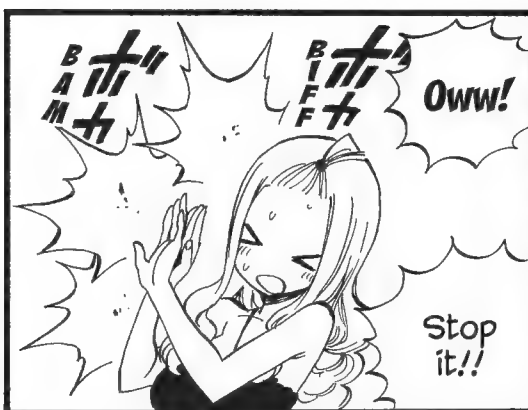
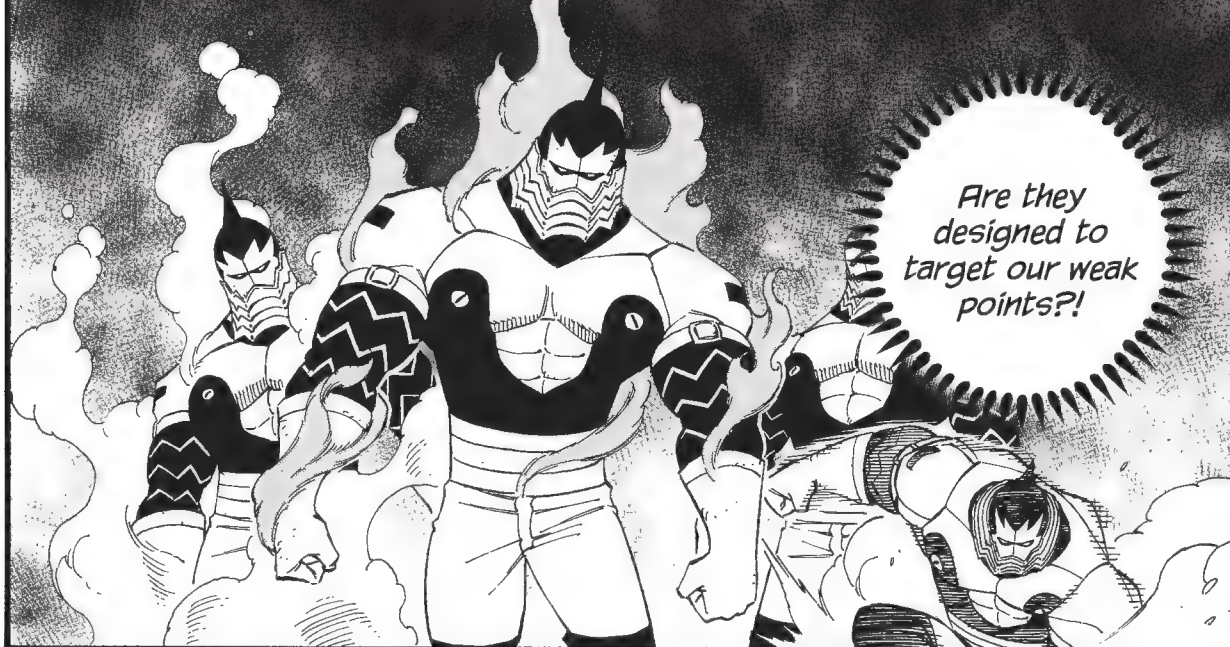


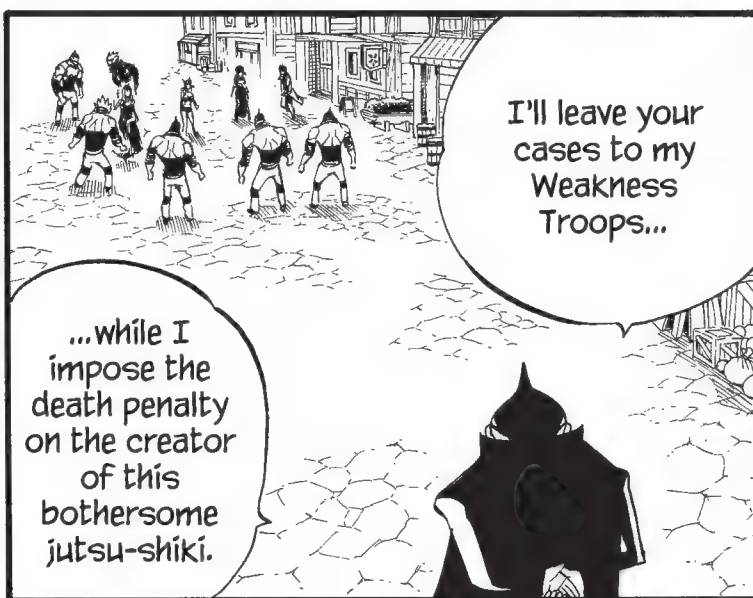


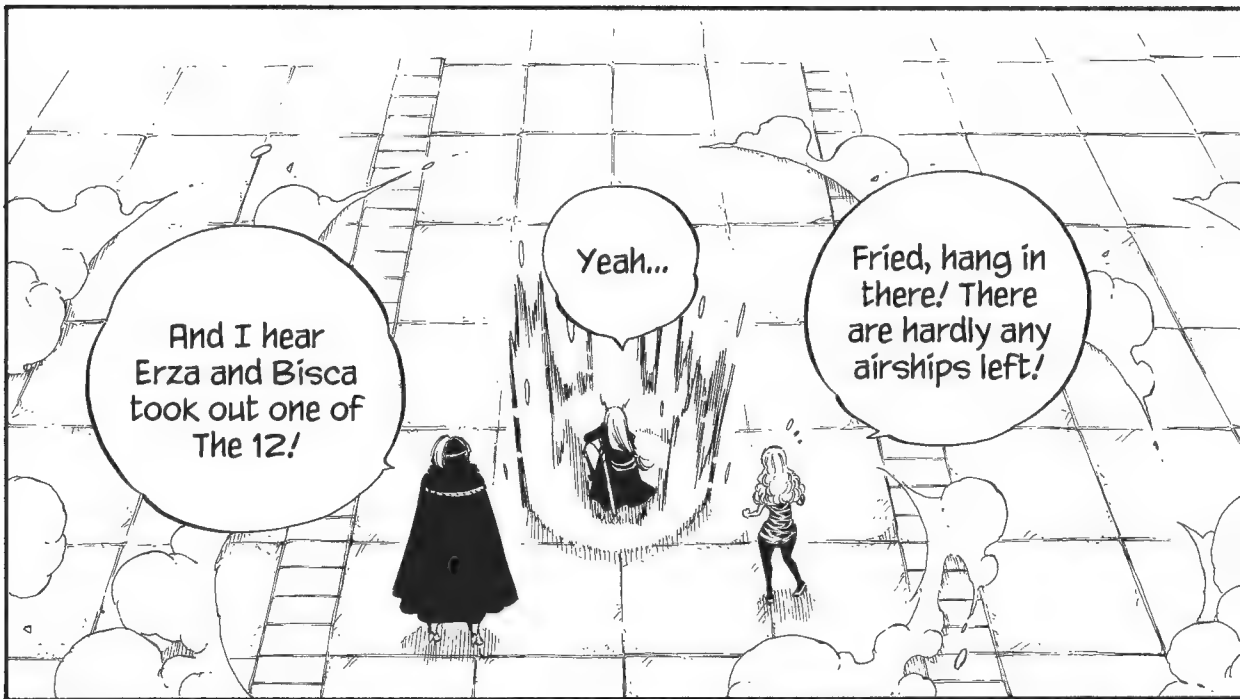














Right!

Just leave him to us!



Sorry, but I'm counting on you two!

I can't move when casting a high-level jutsu-shiki...



BAM

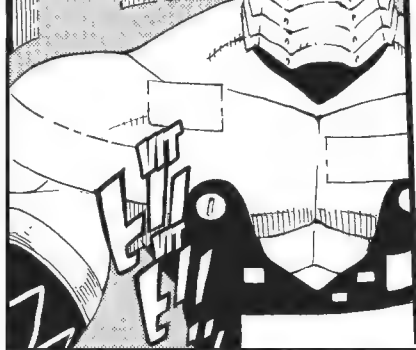
We are Lexus's bodyguards, the Raijin Tribe...

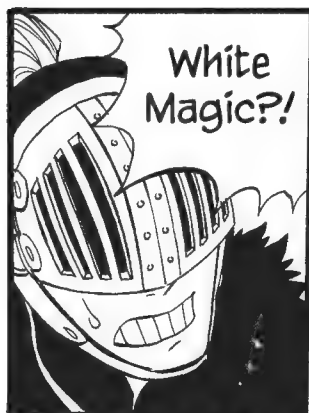
So we'd better not make him look bad!



Yes... I see your weaknesses!

I see it. I see all! Where you are best, and where you are worst!

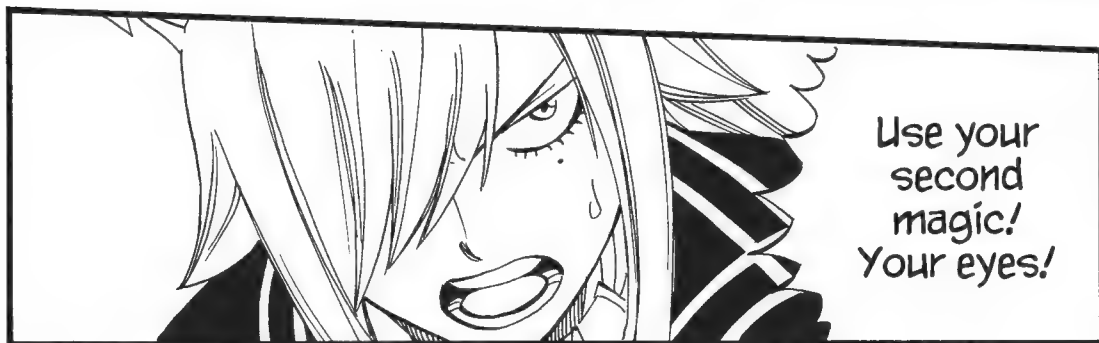






Dammit!

My Black
Magic and his
White Magic
just cancel
each other
out!

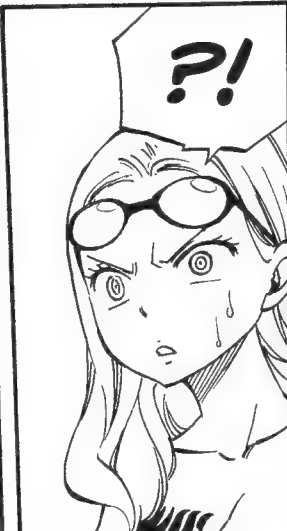


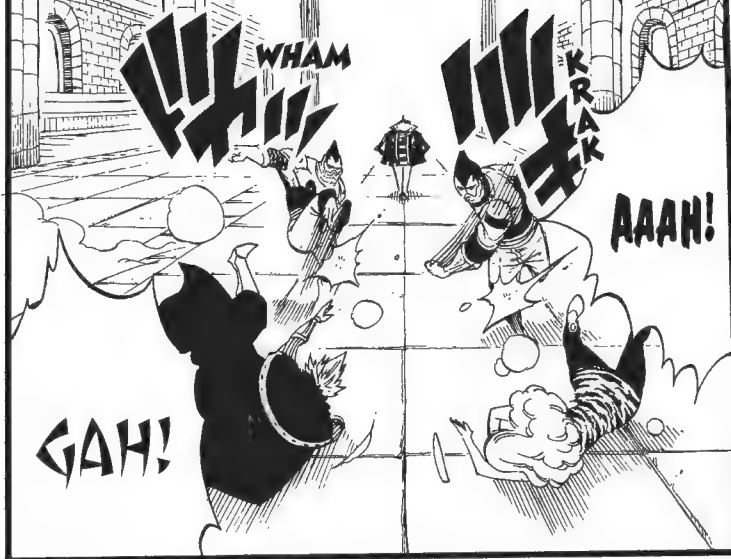
Use your
second
magic!
Your eyes!

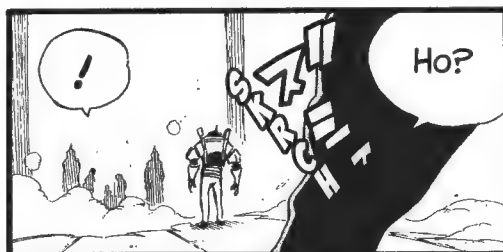


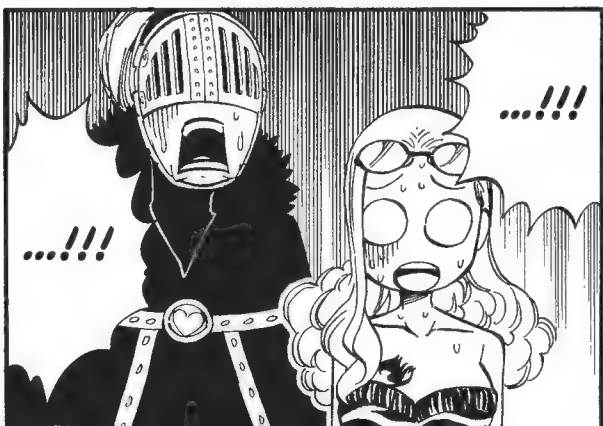
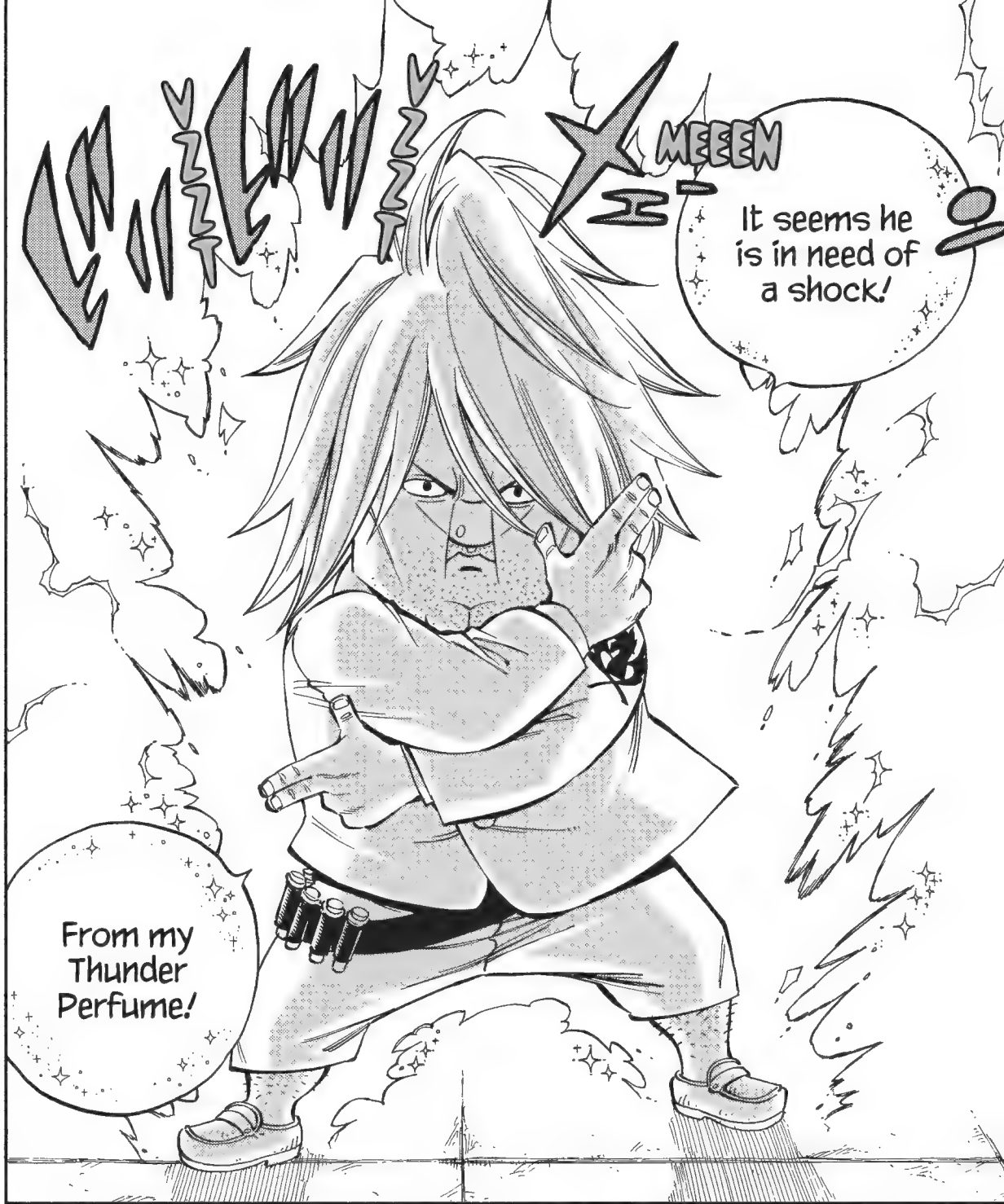
It doesn't
work on
them?!











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Chapter 460: The Pegasus That Came to Earth



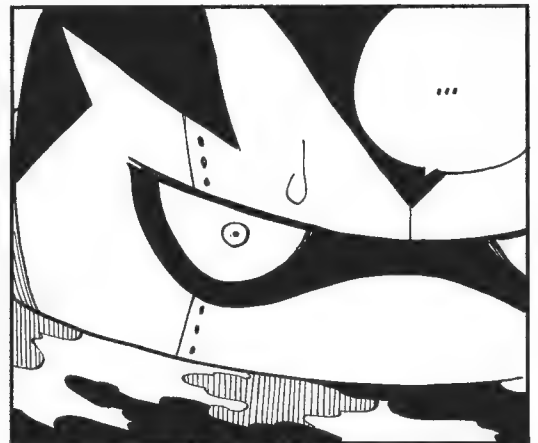
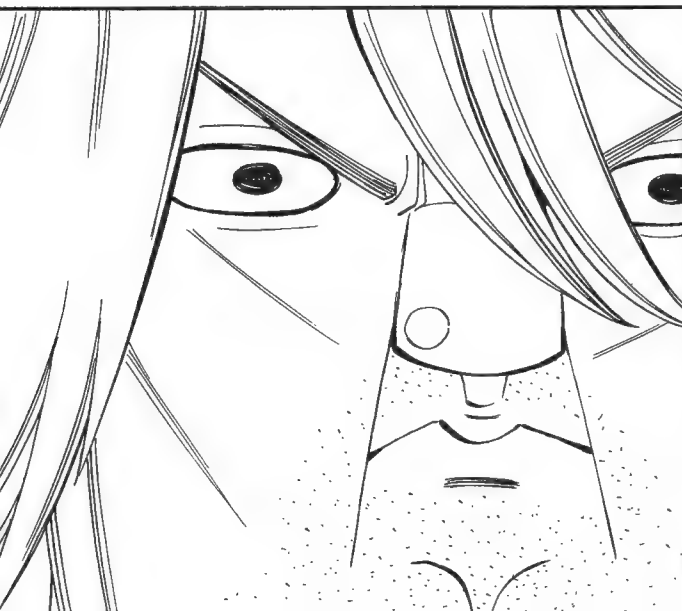
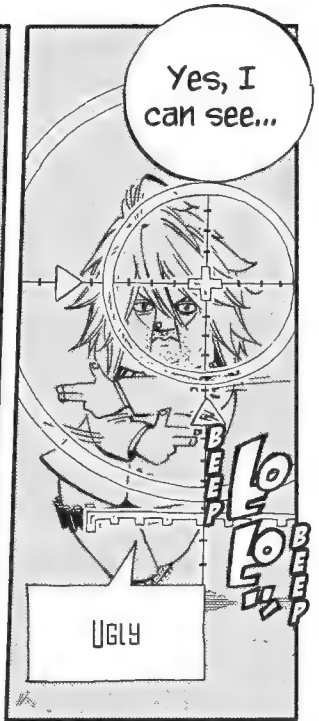
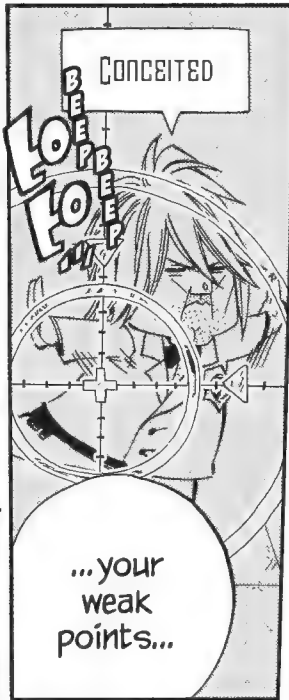
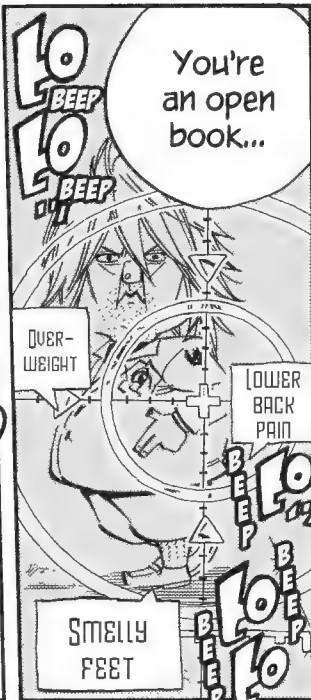
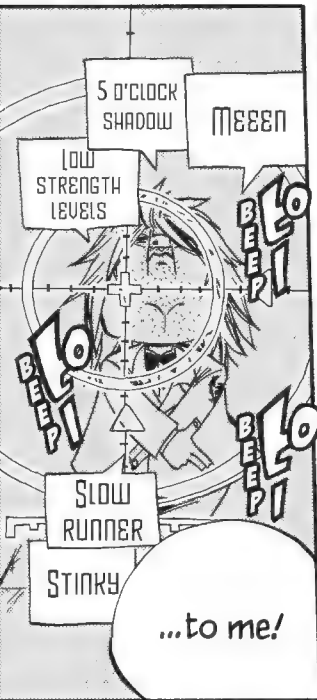


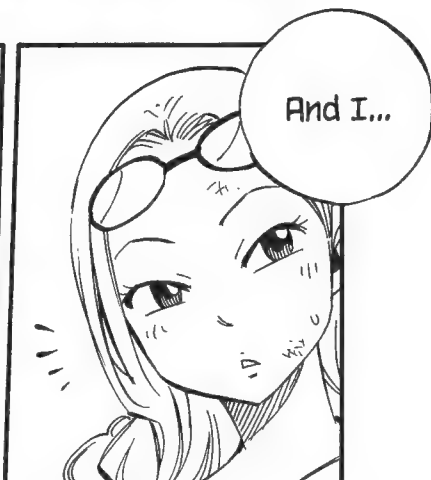
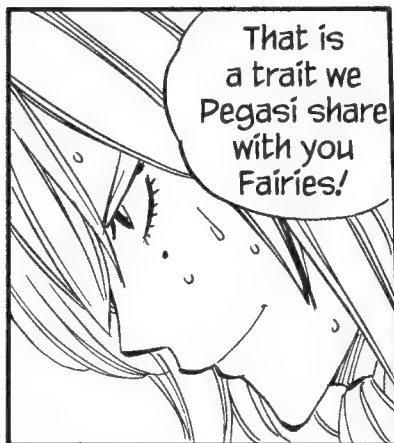
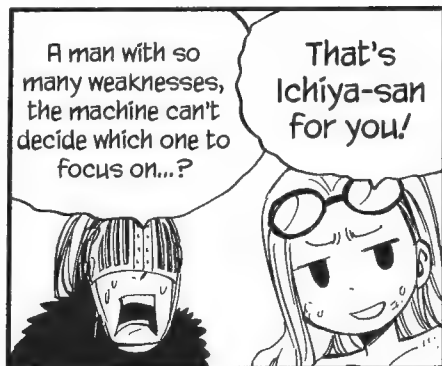
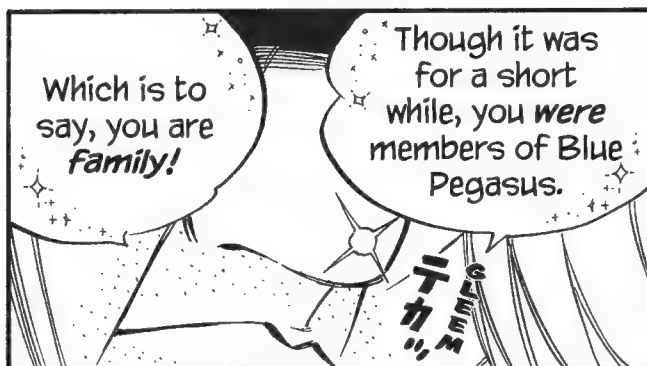
You could not have forgotten your harsh treatment, could you? But be that as it may, shall we remove this pest from the premises?



What's he doing here?!

Ichiya-san!



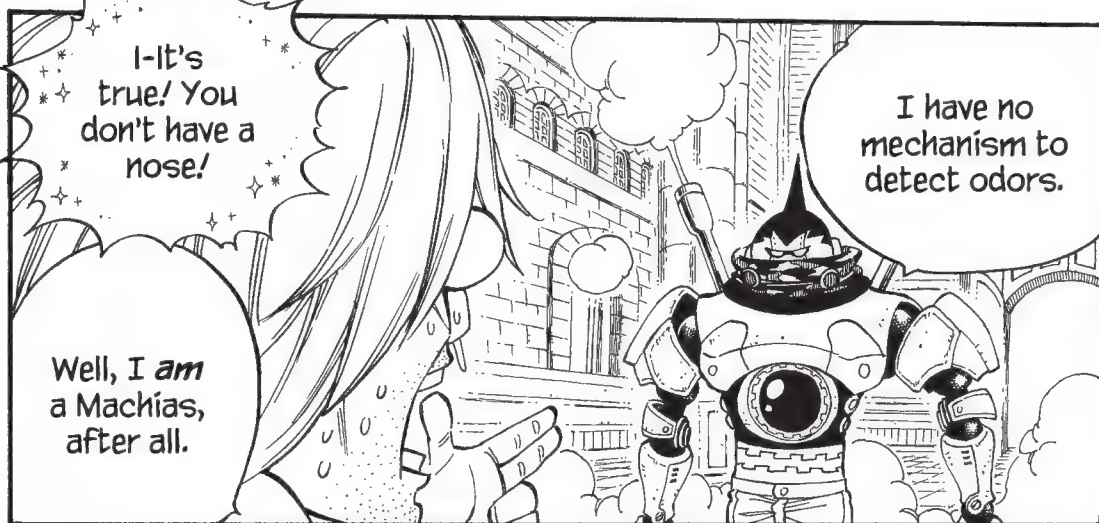




Now,
tremble at the
whiff of my
perfume!



Heh heh! Perhaps you
are beginning to feel
the effects...of my
Poison Perfume?

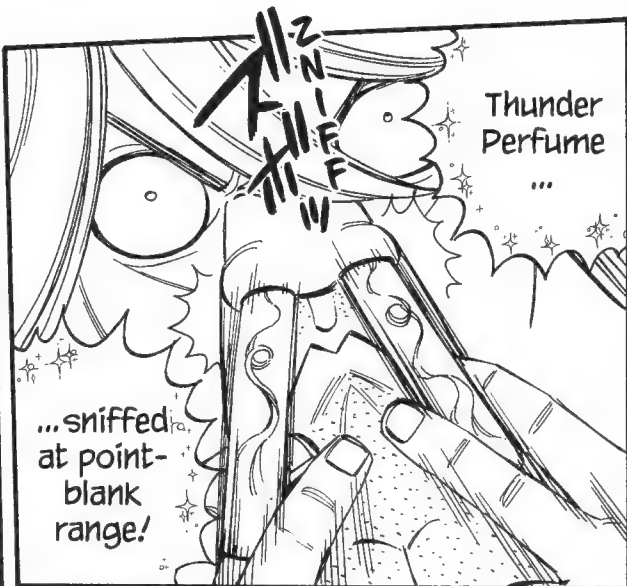
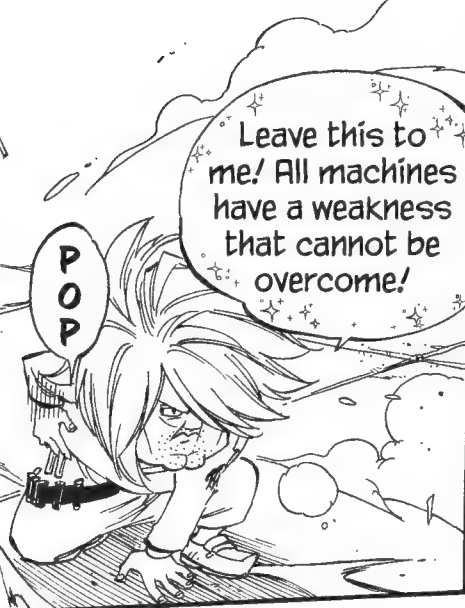


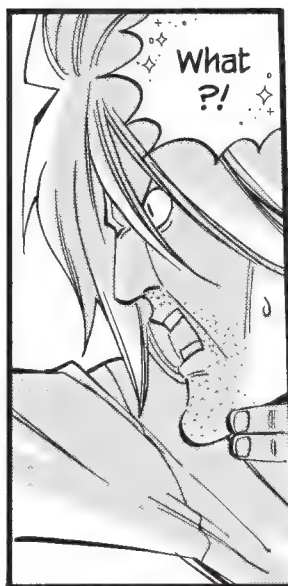
I-It's
true! You
don't have a
nose!

Well, I *am*
a Machias,
after all.

I have no
mechanism to
detect odors.







However,
do you think I
could have joined
the Spriggan
12 without
compensating
for my own
weakness?

Yes, it is true that
my kind are weak
against lightning
due to our metallic
composition...

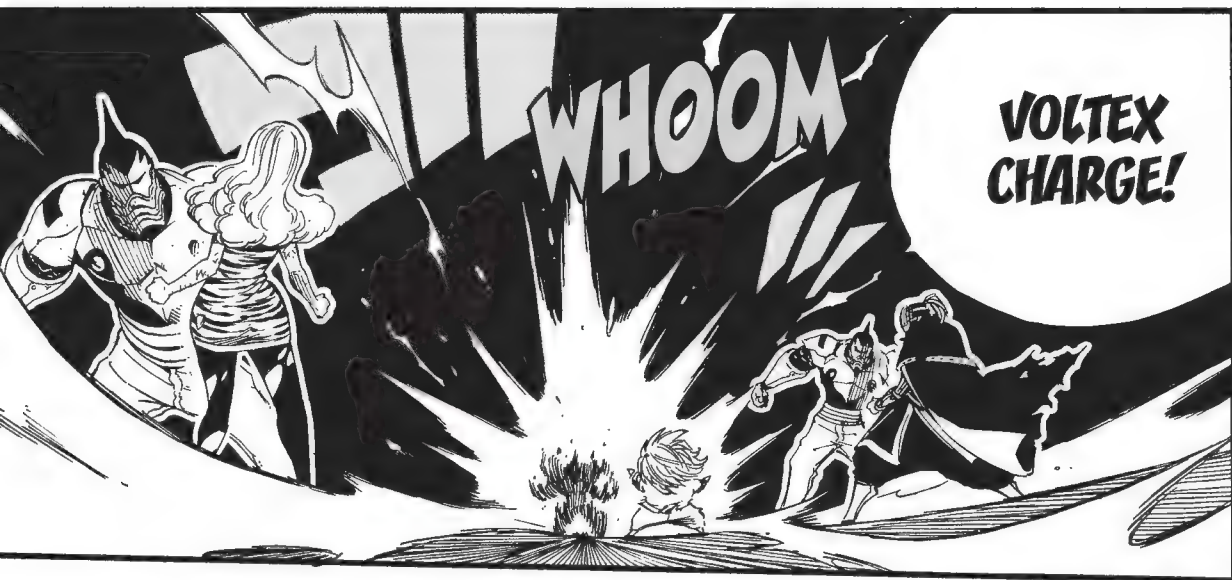


Therefore, I
devised a way to
convert lightning
into energy I
can use!



My
specialty is
uncovering
weakness.

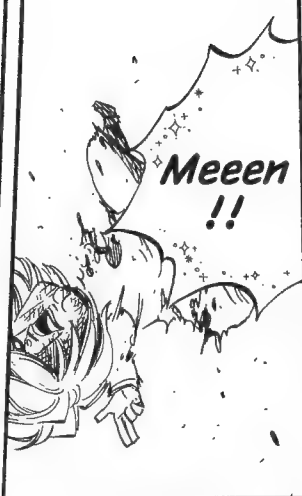
I could
hardly leave
my own un-
addressed!



**VOLTEX
CHARGE!**



I had heard that they're able to perform alchemy, but...I never thought he'd be able to transform his body...!



The more lightning I absorb...

...the more powerful I become!

SPRIGGAN

12

CRACKL

CRACKL

CRACKL

CRACKL



This enemy
is a bad
match for
him!



Yes, it was a
letdown when we got
Ichiya instead, but now
I'm glad that Laxus
didn't come!



In other
words, even
Laxus's magic
won't work on
him!

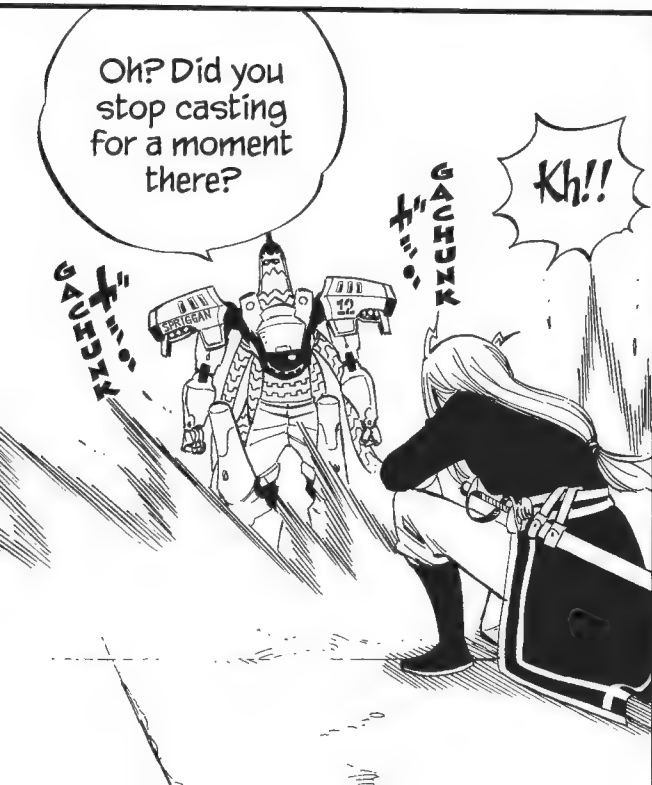


Fried!
Don't let
up on your
jutsu-shiki!

We're
still under
attack
from the
west!

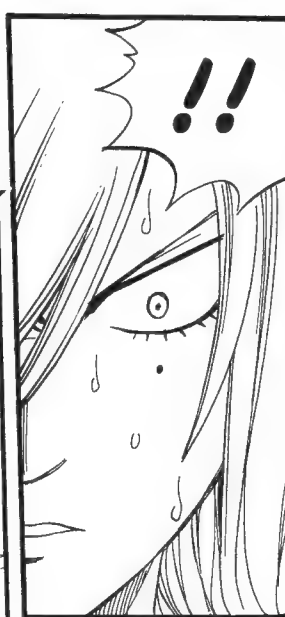


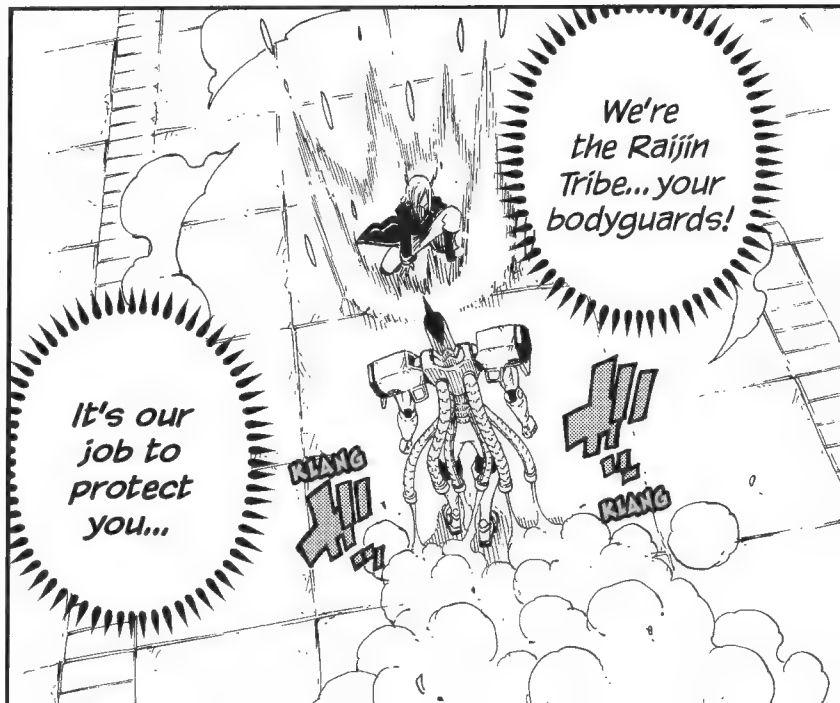
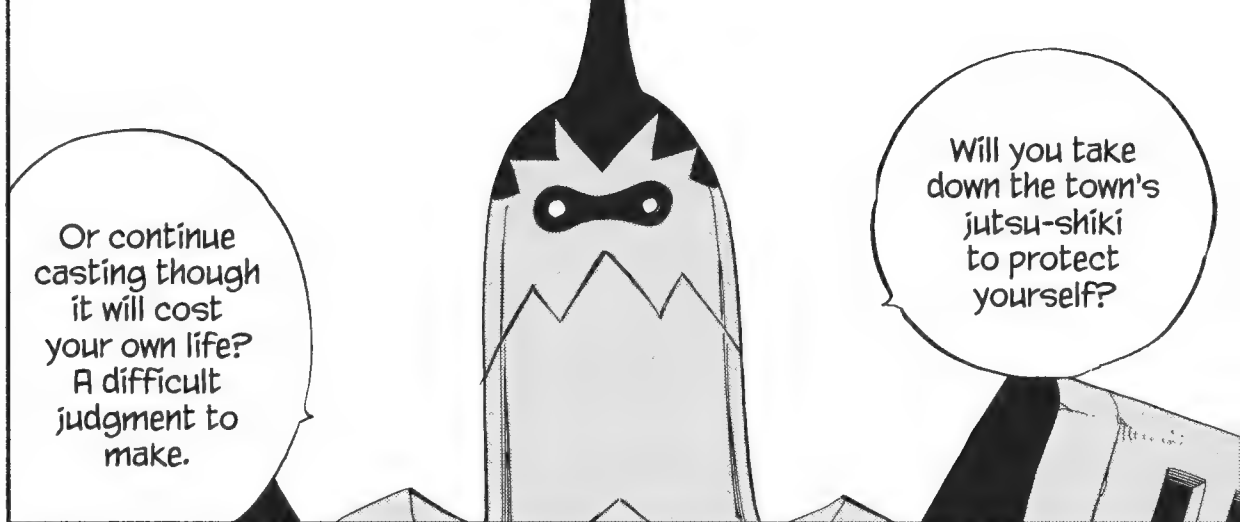
Which
means I
have no
choice!



Oh? Did you
stop casting
for a moment
there?

Kh!!









But if there's more than one of them, then go after someone else's attacker, Ever!



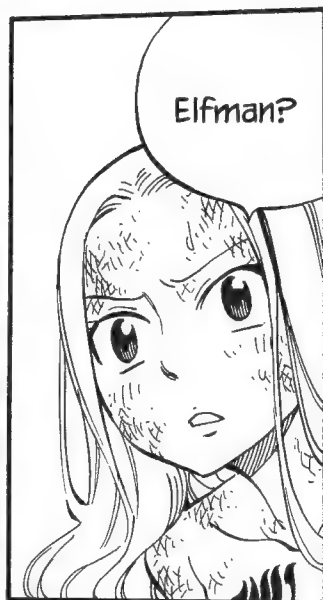
Weakness Troops?!

Yeah, they're a pain!



Hey, this one's a cinch!

Hyah! Since water puts out fire, Juvia can take this one on!



Elfman?



So we hit the Weakness Troops' weak points?



Mirajane! Mirajane!

And I'm *really* good at beating myself up!!



Leave the fast one to me!

I'll take the strong one!



Okay,
then...

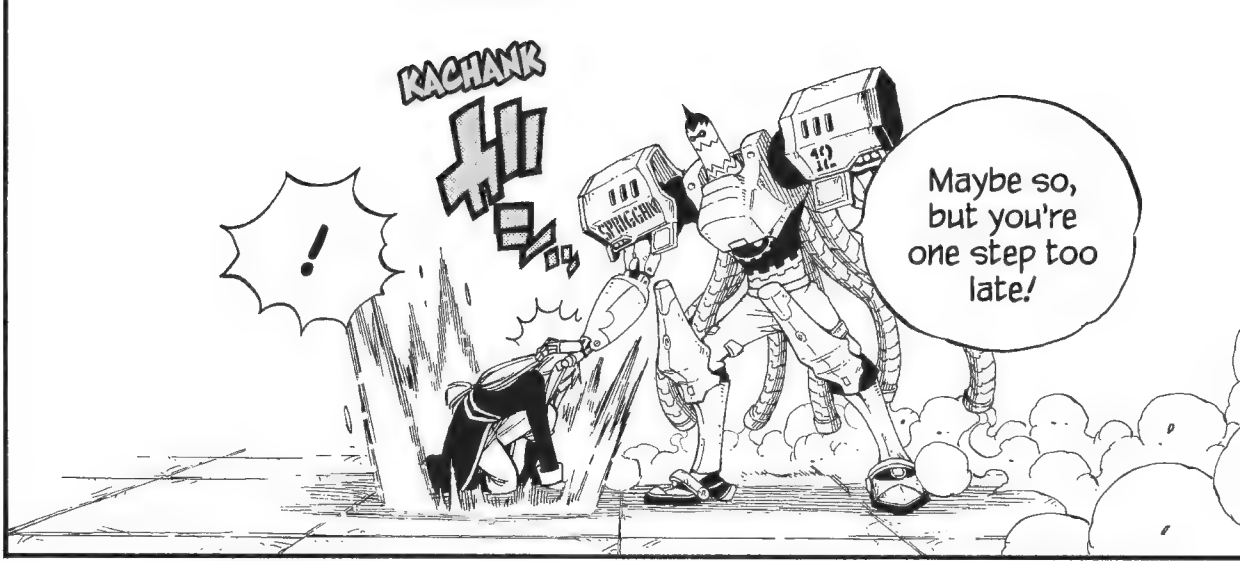
It was
that
simple
...?



And
these souls
have no problem
finding enemies
in the fog!



White Magic
won't block
mine!





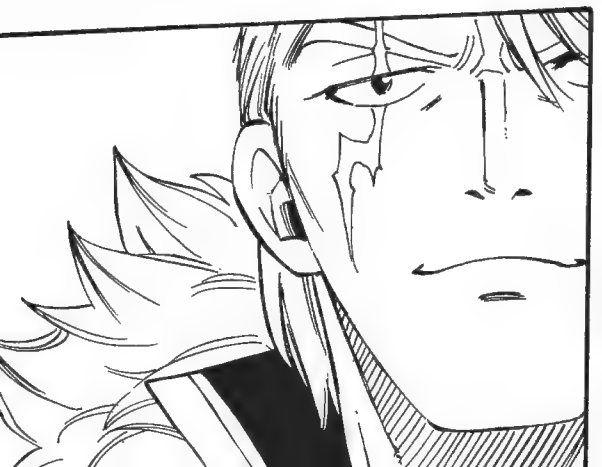
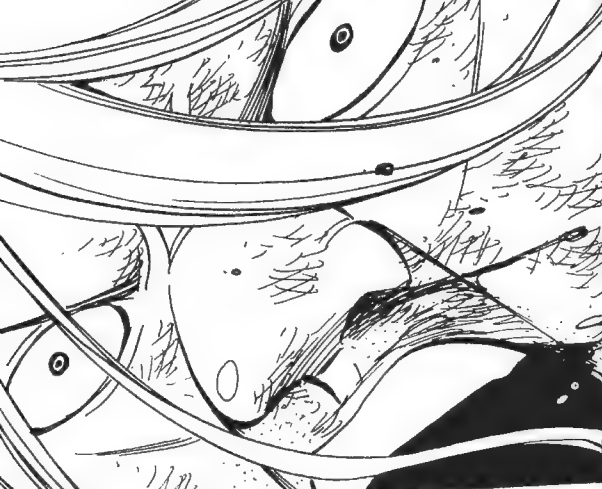
**We just
cleaned out all
the western
troops!**



**Now I can
fight with
no regrets!**



**That's our
Natsu!**

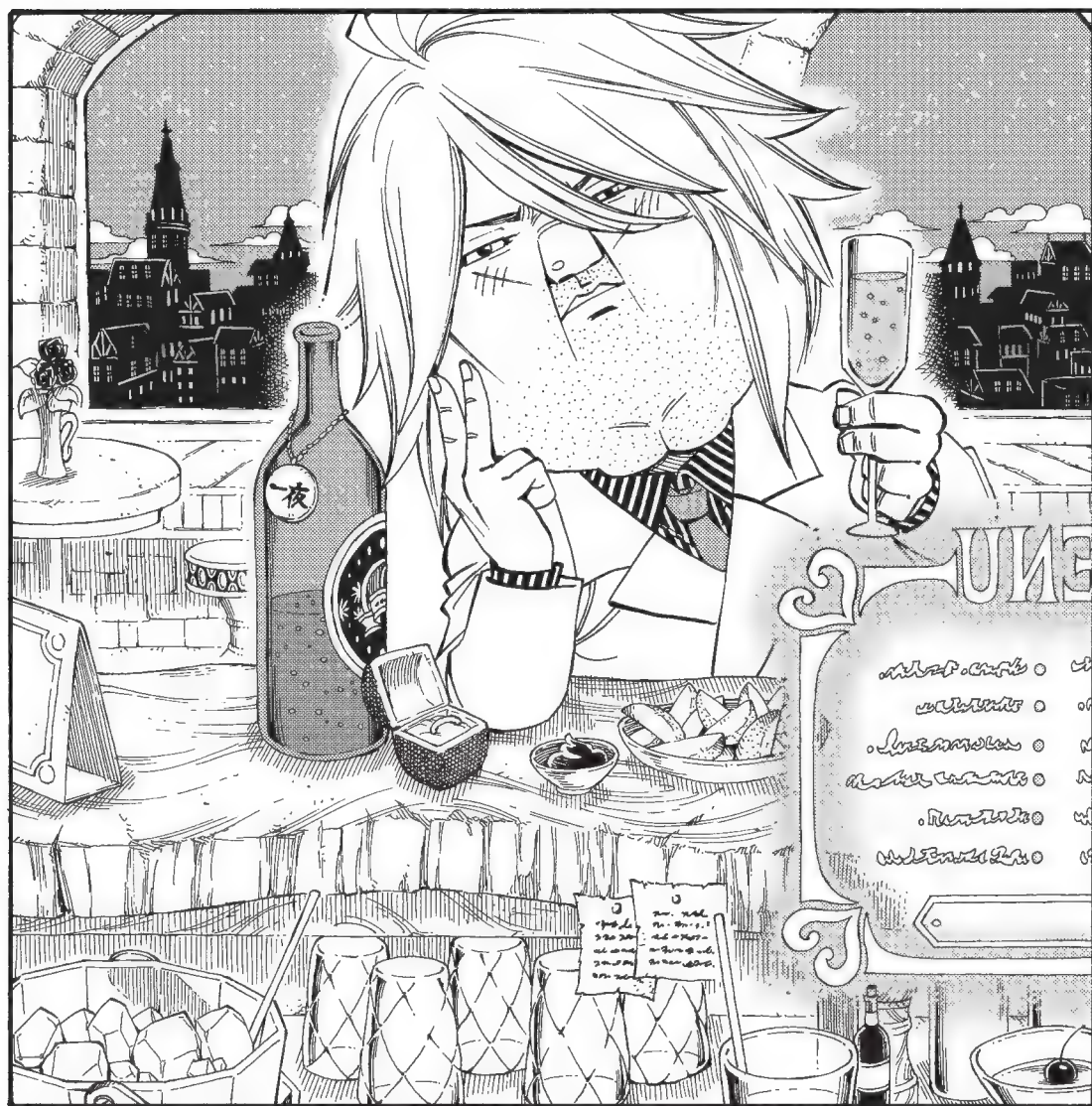




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Chapter 461: This Perfume Goes To...

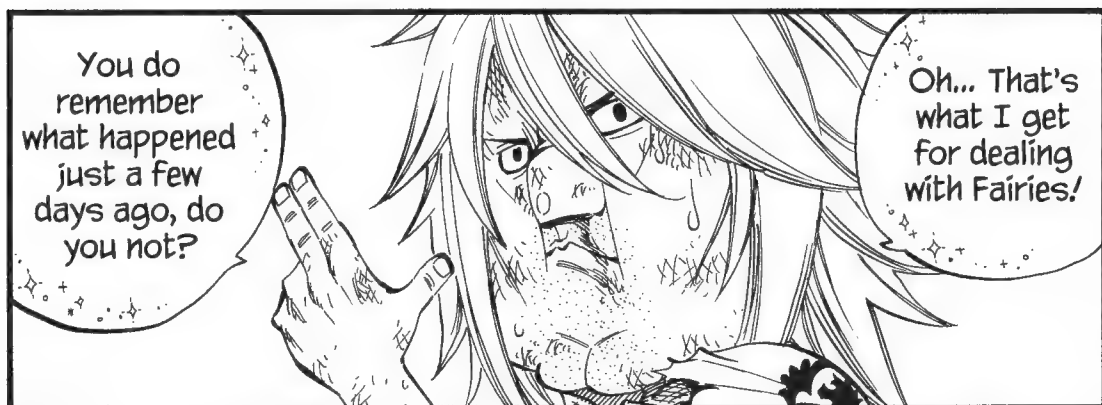




What?
Forgot
what?

You mean
you *actually*
forgot?

Huh? You were
in Magnolia
this whole time,
Ichiya-san?



You do
remember
what happened
just a few
days ago, do
you not?

Oh... That's
what I get
for dealing
with Fairies!



How dare
you...

And we'll
take the
Rajjin Tribe
while we're
at it!

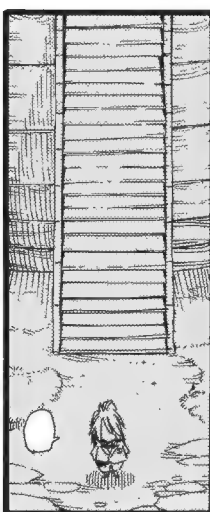
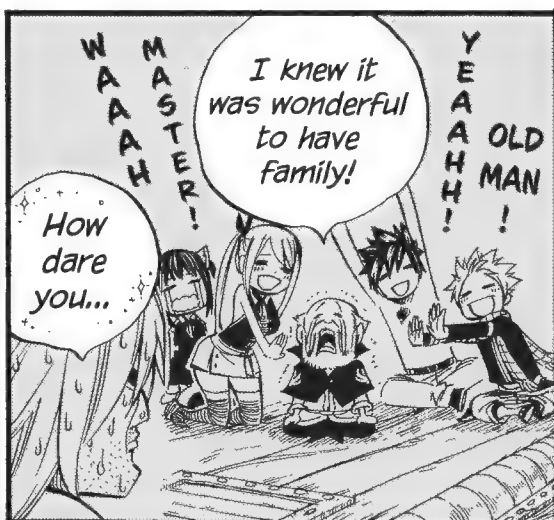
SLAM!

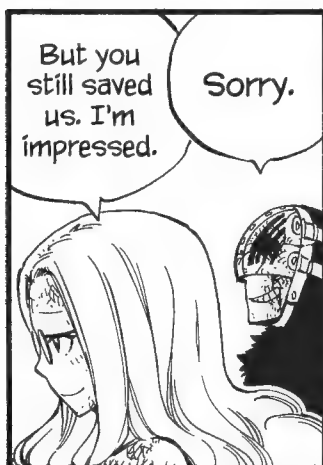
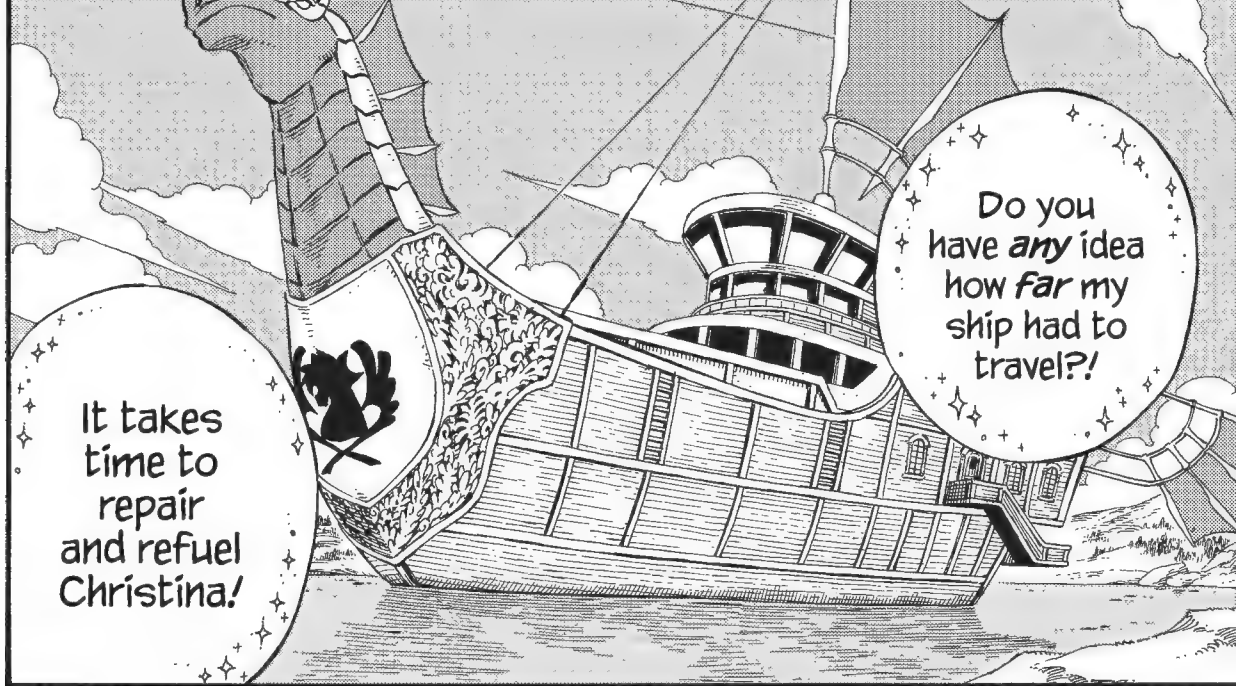
We're here
to grab
Lexus!

Several
days
earlier,
at Blue
Pegasus...

ANIMALS!

EEEK!







AH HYA
HYA HYA
HYA!



Y-You
mean...

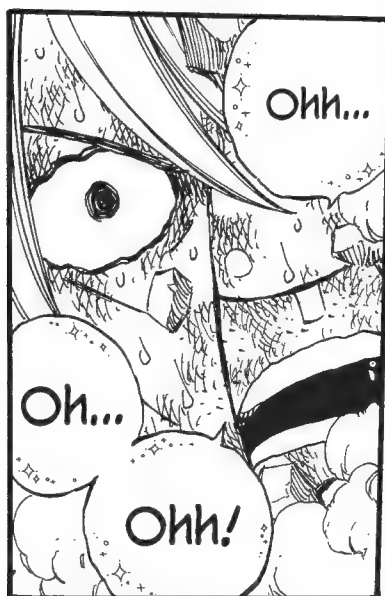
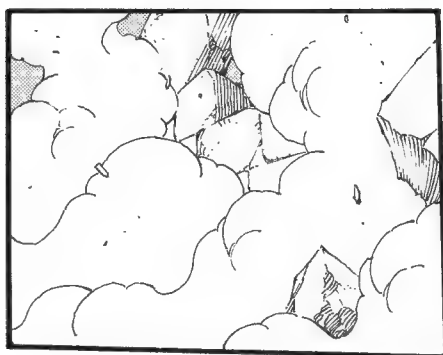
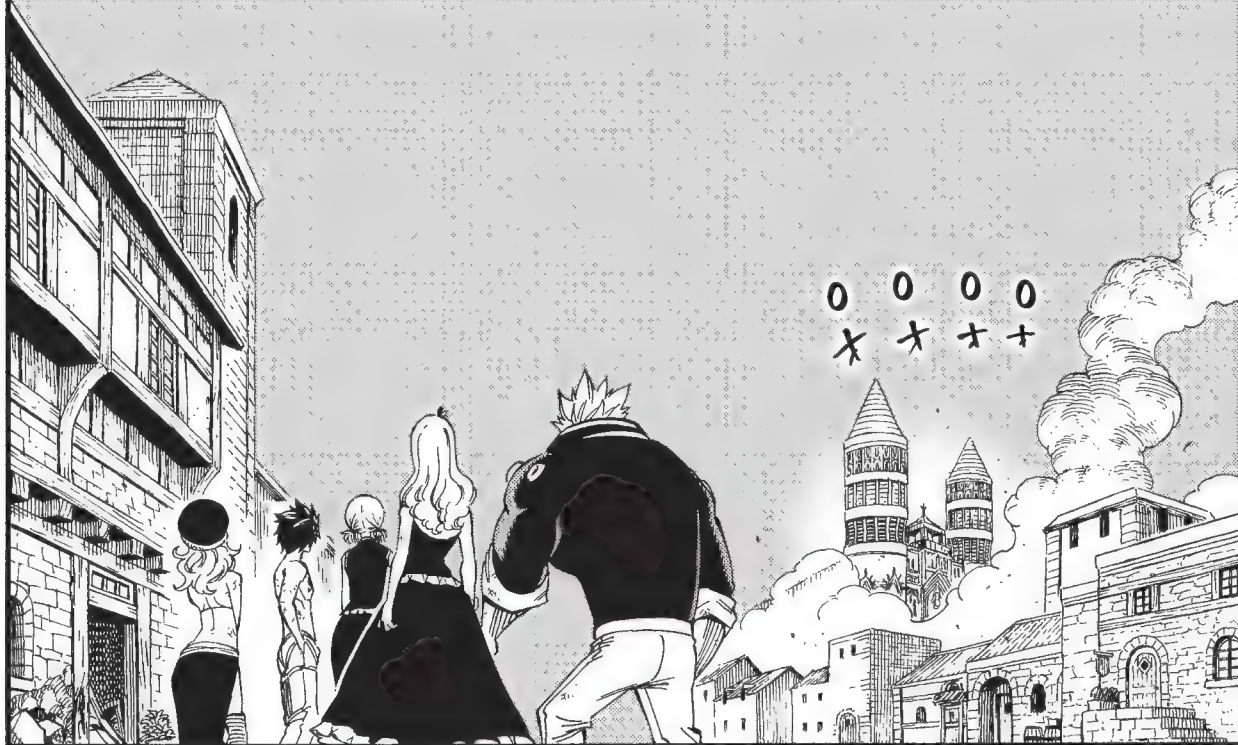


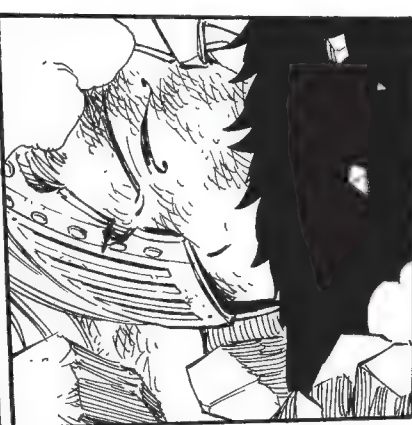
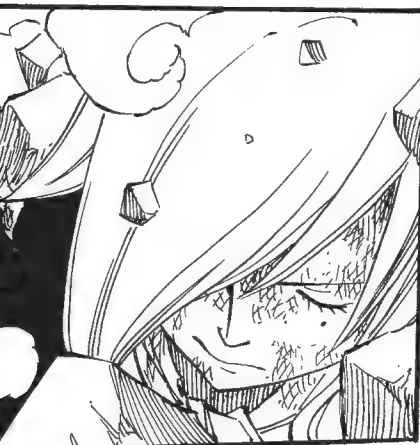
Hm?

Ichiya!
Watch
out!



BOOM





When someone has
been...in a guild
with you...they're
just like family...
aren't they...?

I'm
glad...you're
safe...

Now...we
don't owe
ya...nothin'...
right...?

You...

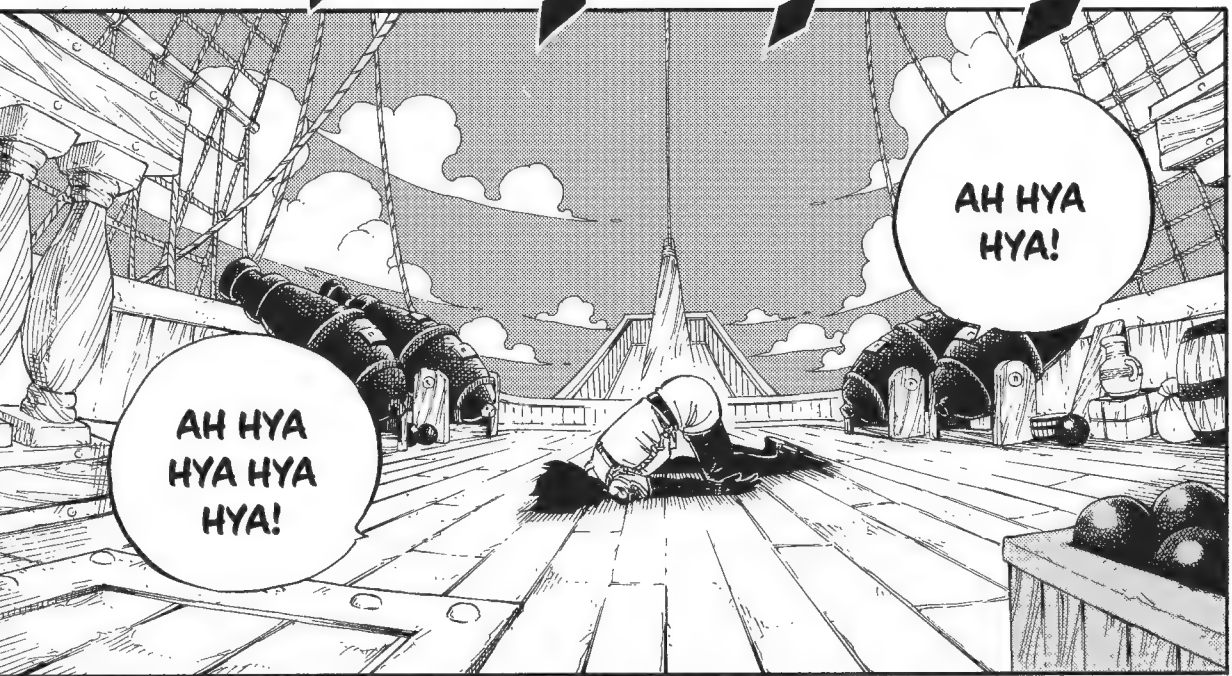
You
really
...!





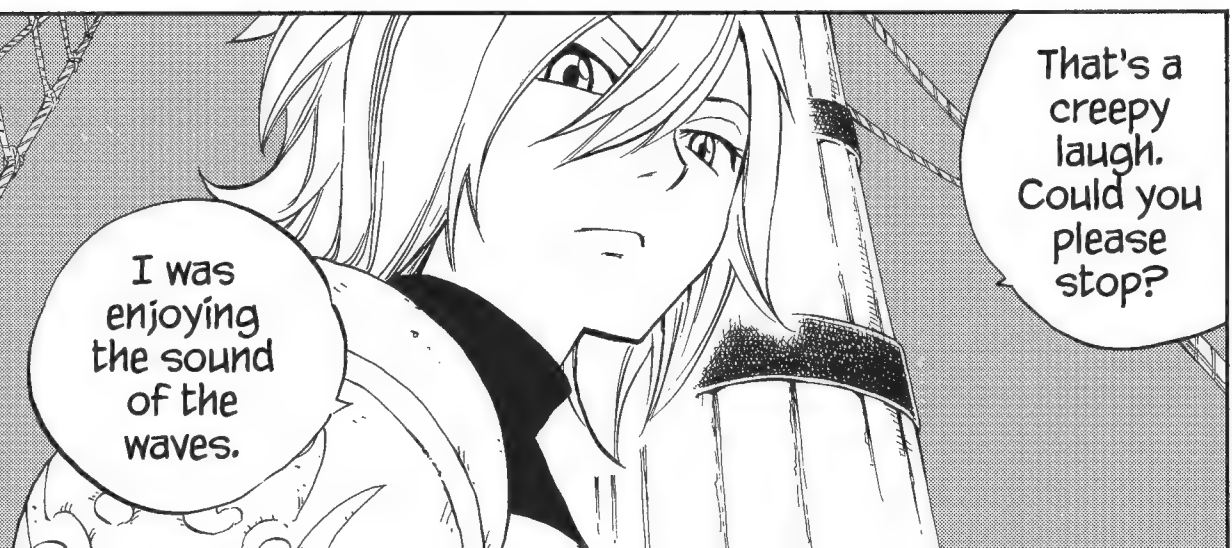
RUMBLE
SHII
SHII

South of Fiore, near the port town of Halgeon...



AH HYA
HYA HYA
HYA!

AH HYA
HYA!



I was
enjoying
the sound
of the
waves.

That's a
creepy
laugh.
Could you
please
stop?

AH

HYA

HIA

AH HYA
HYA HYA
HYA!

HYA

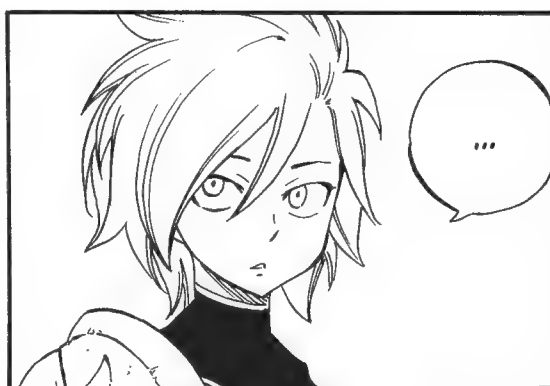
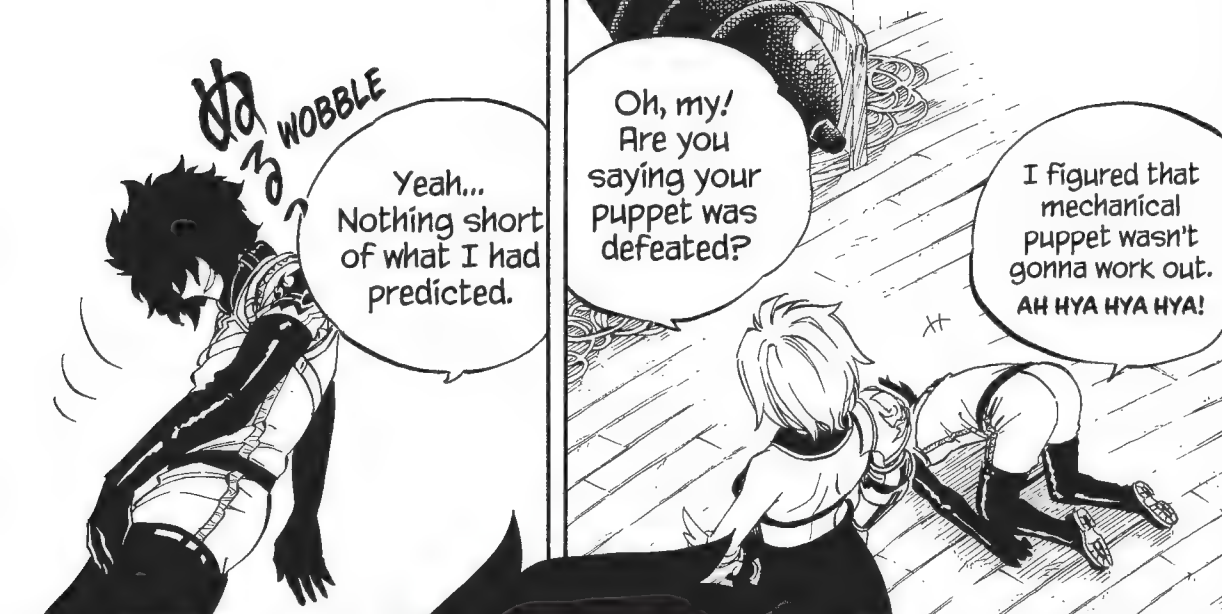
HYA

I can't help
it... They made
this case a
lot more fun
than my briefs
suggested...

HYA

AH HYA HYA!
Oh! I guess I
should stop with
the legal talk, ya
know?

WALL EEHTO
(HIS REAL BODY)





Oh, how pitiable she is!

Randi is...
an enemy prisoner
...?



I suppose that's why the emperor sent all our forces to attack them, huh?

AH HYA
HYA HYA!
Ain't it a hoot?!

I gotta say, Fairy Tail ain't half bad!



Now, don't get ahead of yourself. We'll make landfall soon, and our first task is to take control of the harbor town.



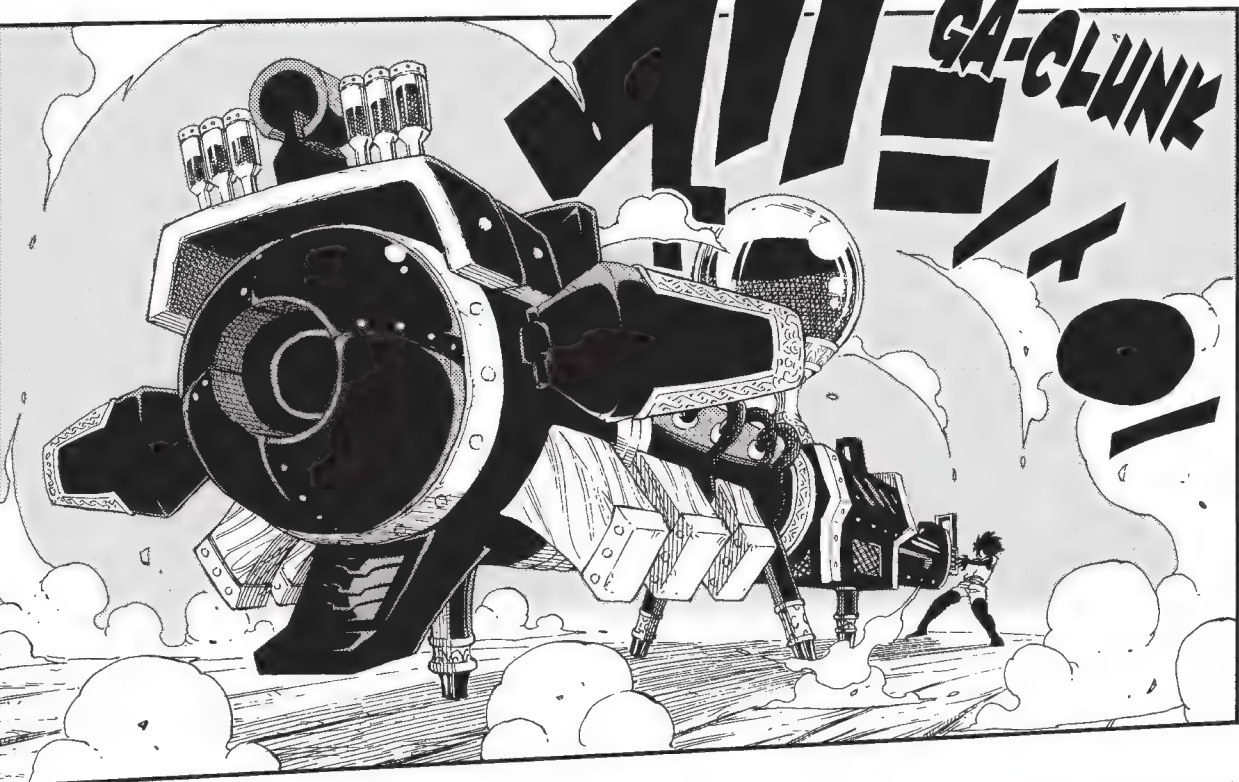
But... it's no fun havin' them think we're pushovers!

No fun at all, DiMaria...



If you're thinking of reducing the harbor to rubble, we're still 30 km away.

Naw...



That's some 400 km away. Even you can't hit it.



I'm aimin' at Fairy Tail!



I am
the elite
Machias,
Wall-sama!

Never
under-
estimate
me!



**ULTRA-LONG-
RANGE ANTI-
MATERIAL MAGIC
CANNON!**

"DWOON"





What?!

Whatever it is,
it's coming
towards us
at immense
speed!

I'm detecting
a great heat
emanating
from the
south... Wait!
It's magic?!



How far
away can
they fire
from?!



Fresh
troops...?!

No...
Probably
an Alvarez
attack...



Dammit!

Can't reach
him...!
The Raijin
Tribe isn't
responding!



Well, first!
Fried, I need
the jutsu-shiki
barrier up
again...

Fried!



I won't allow it!



We're gonna lose *another* guild hall?!

Everybody get outta here!

Distance: 700... 600...
No! It's gonna be a direct hit!



GROOOO

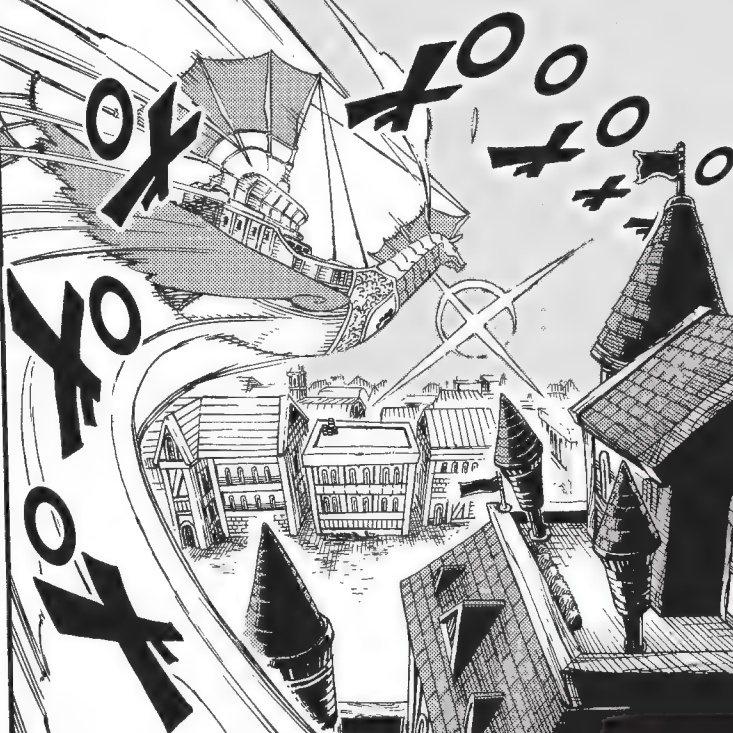
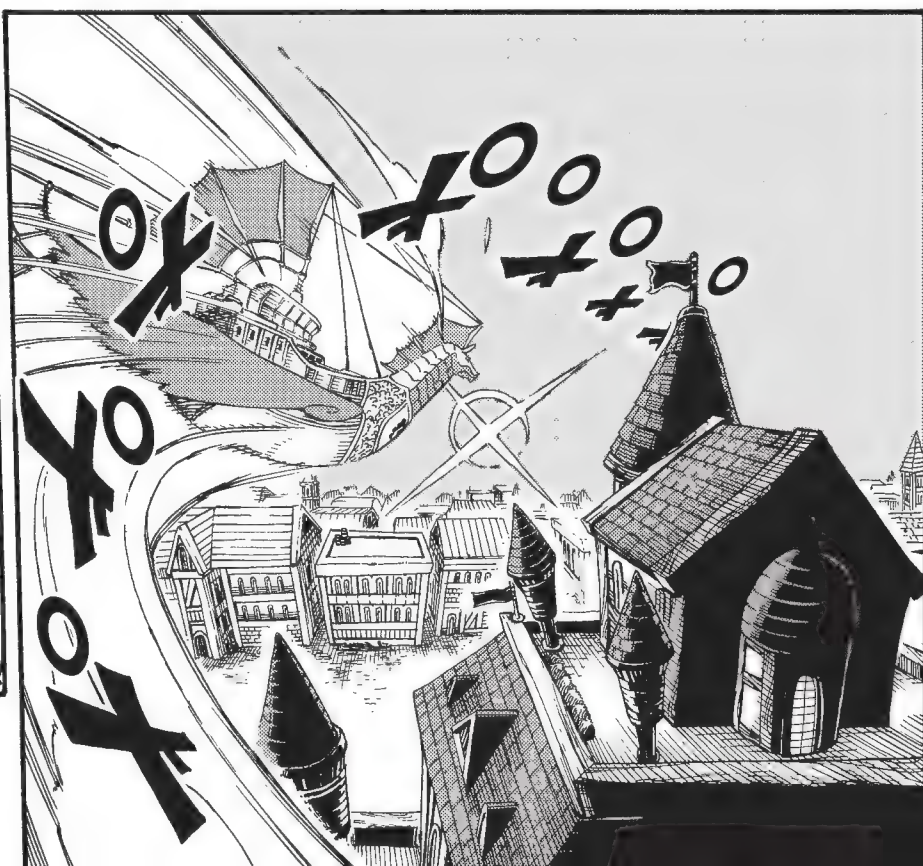


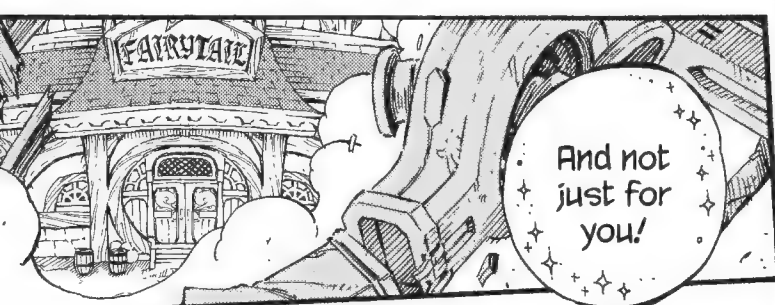
I know that voice...

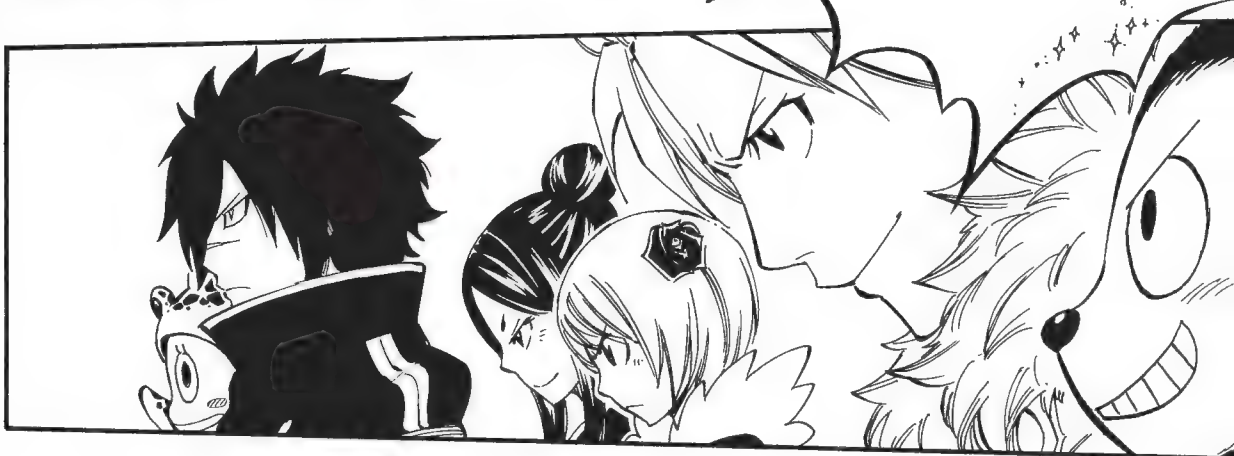
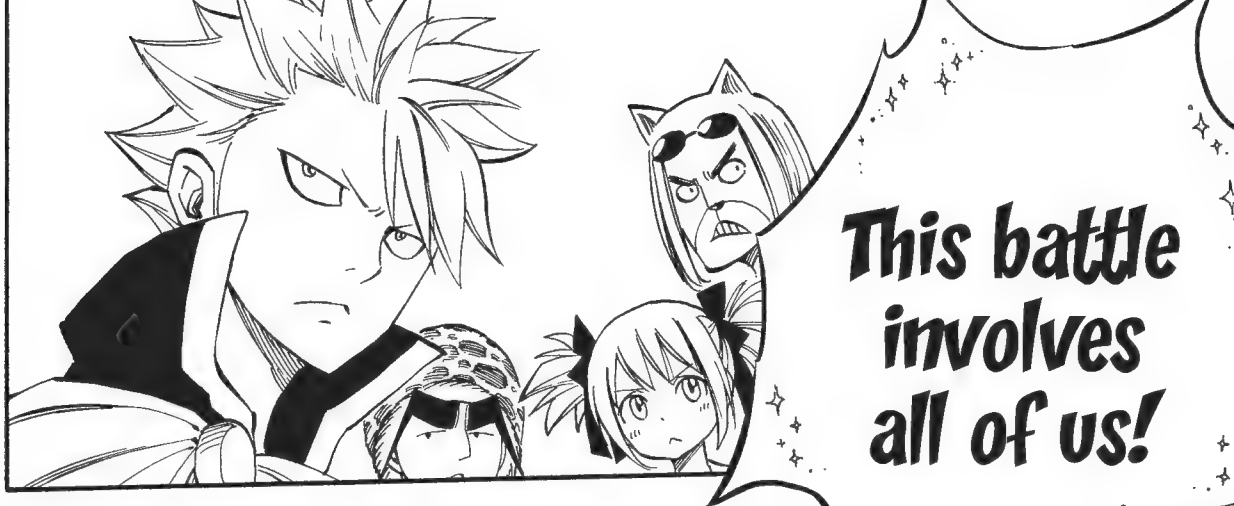


It's Christina!

Ichiya-san?!





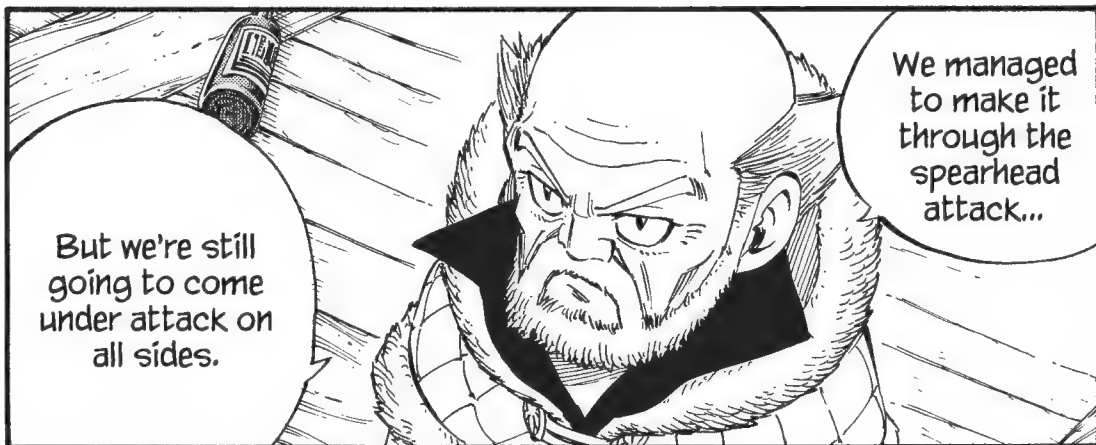
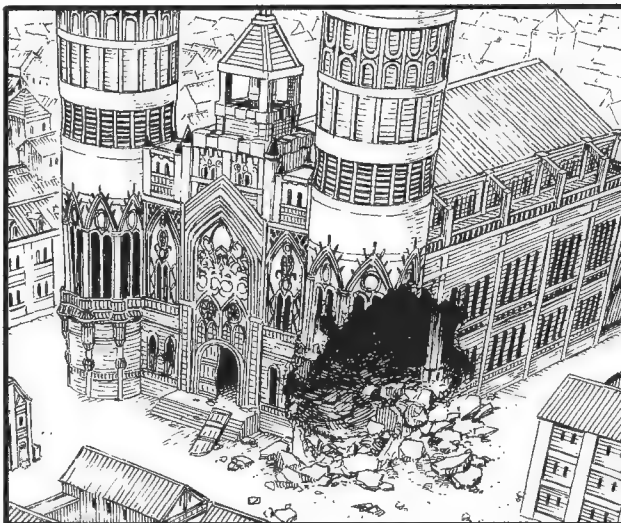
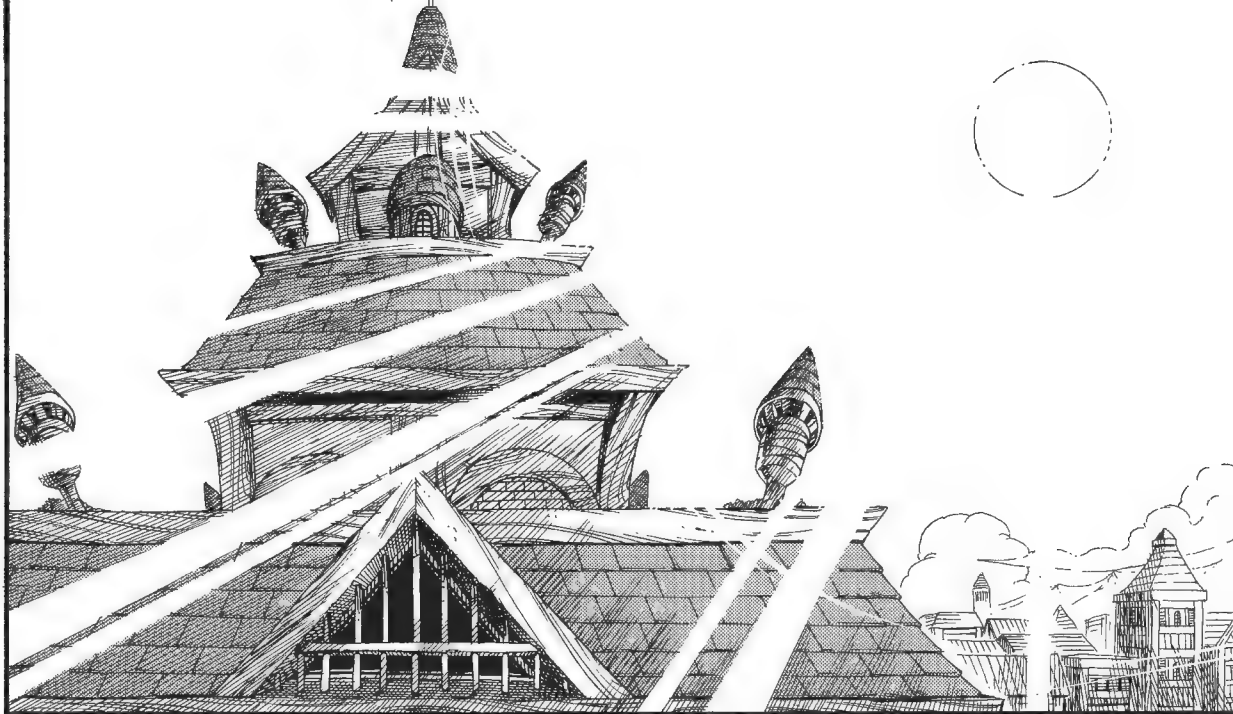


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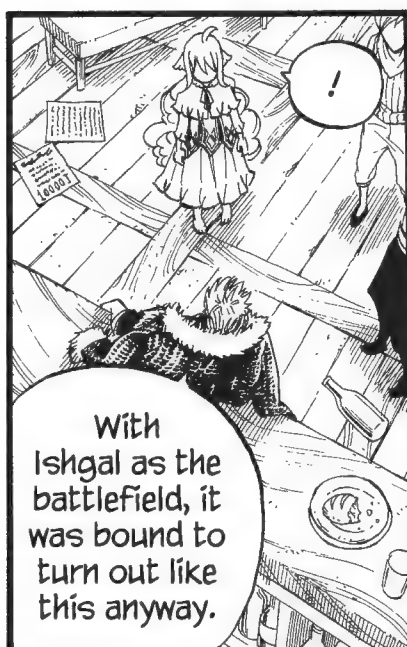
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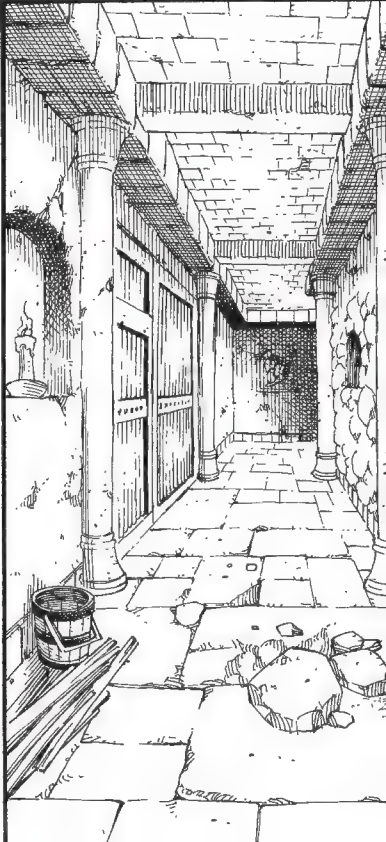
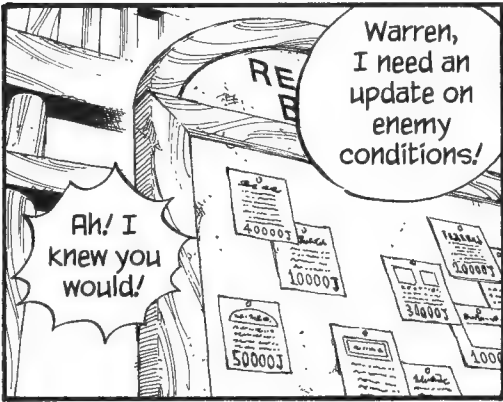




But we're still
going to come
under attack on
all sides.

We managed
to make it
through the
spearhead
attack...







She's stayin' quiet, so that means they're stoppin' her magic, right?



You think these anti-magic cuffs really work?

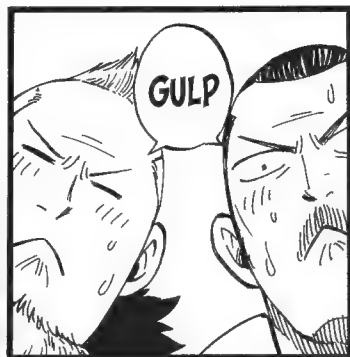


T-True... Not a typical outfit for most moms, huh?

Just look at Bisca!

I wonder if all the women dress that way over there.

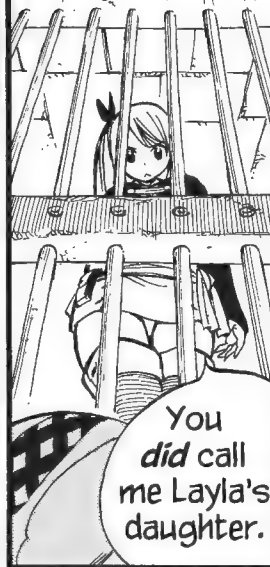
Hey, she sure is gorgeous, huh?



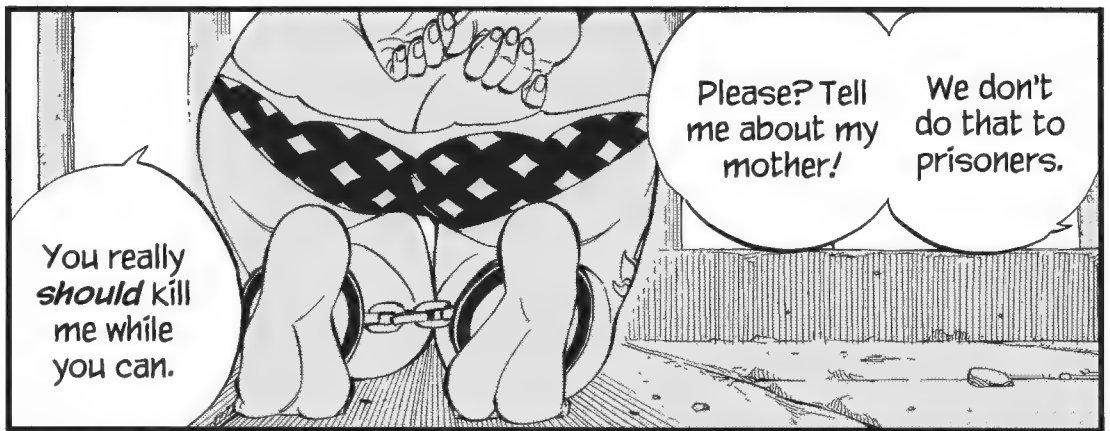


I have nothing to say to you.

If you're going to kill me, just do it.



You *did* call me Layla's daughter.



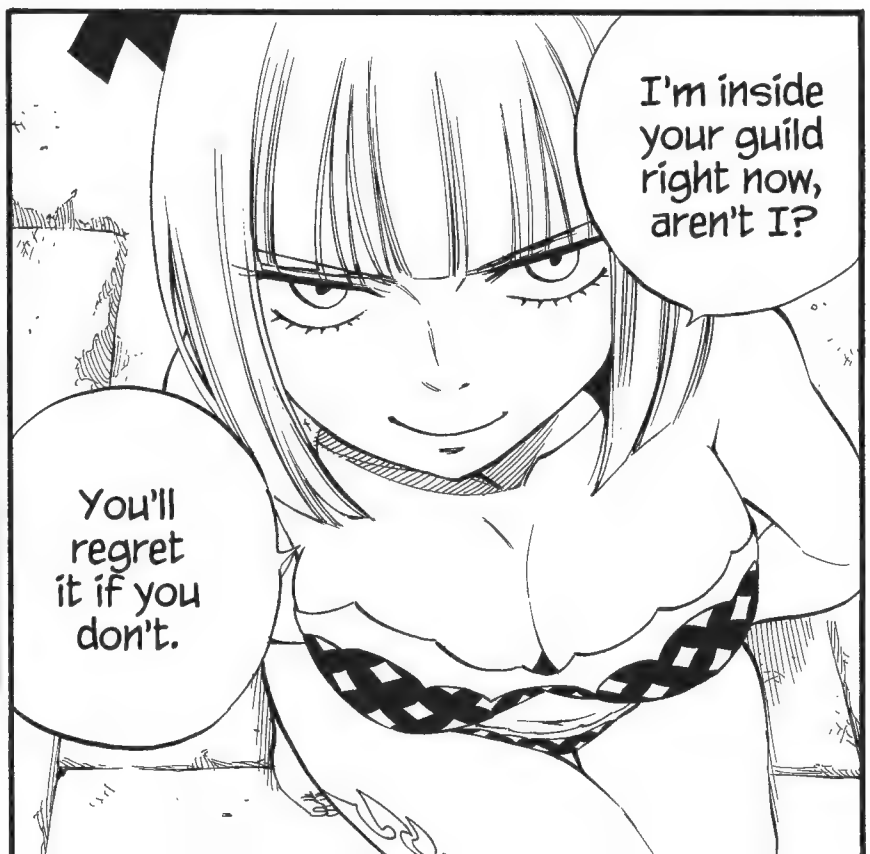
You really *should* kill me while you can.

Please? Tell me about my mother!

We don't do that to prisoners.



This is useless, Lucy.



I'm inside your guild right now, aren't I?

You'll regret it if you don't.



Since I create
the rules for the
area, sneaking
in should be no
problem!

So, this is the
enemy's base...
Which means
Brandish-sama
is locked up
inside!



Far to the
west of
Magnolia...



HEH
4
7",



How
could
that...?

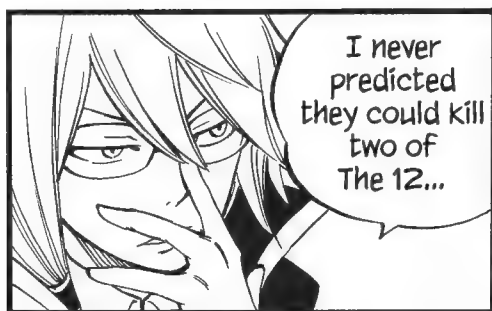


Your Majesty...
The spearhead
forces, including
Ajeel and Brandish,
have been defeated.

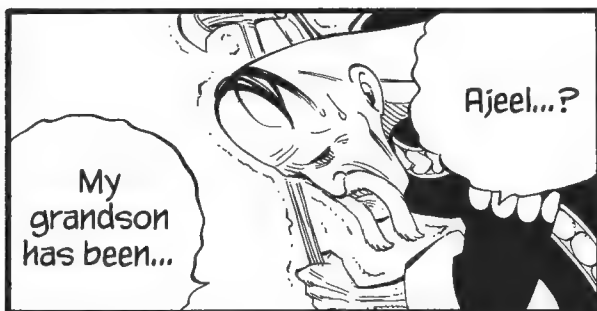


If Mavis couldn't even handle *that* attack, this wouldn't be any fun.

That's fine.

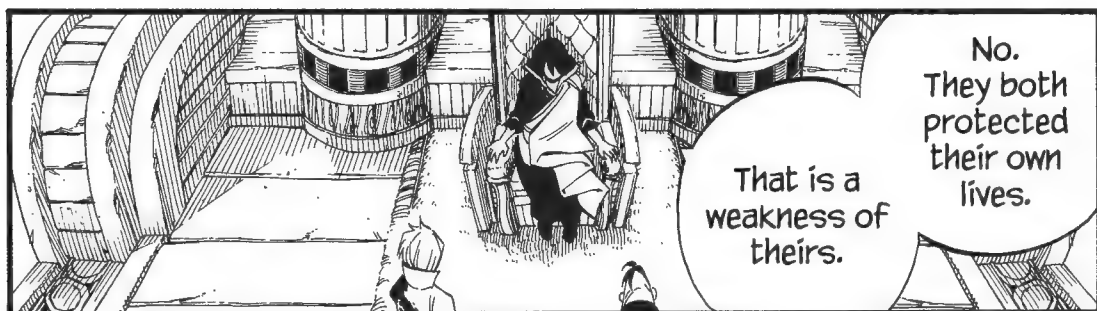


I never predicted they could kill two of The 12...

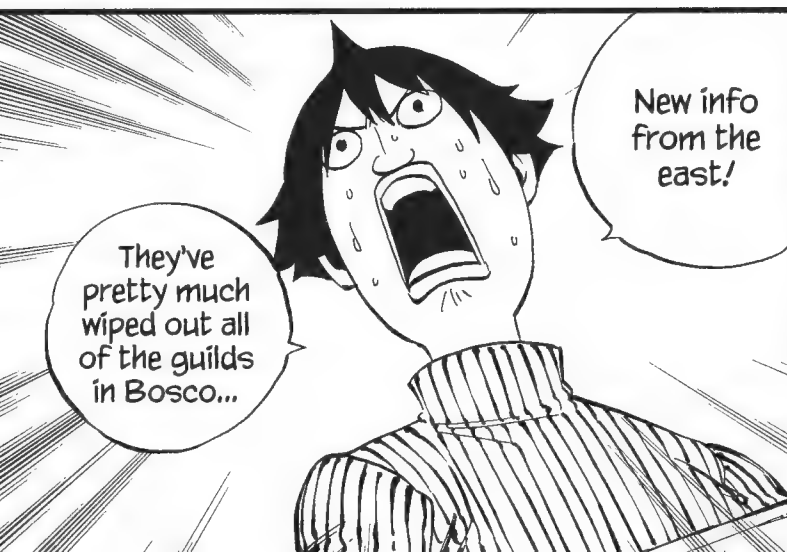


My grandson has been...

Ajeel...?

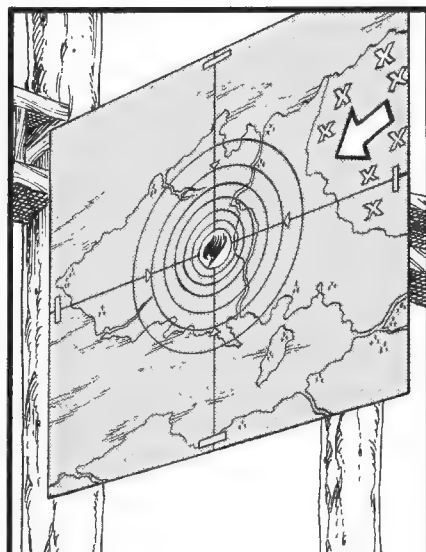


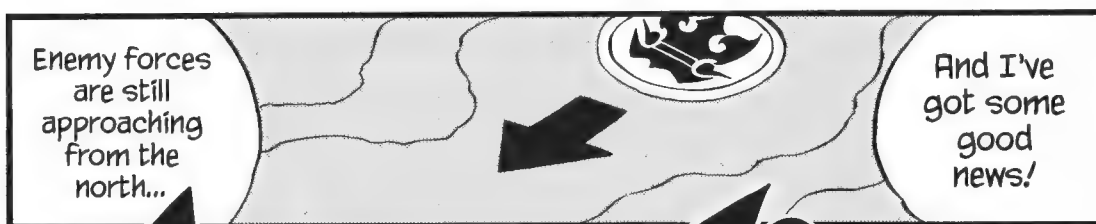
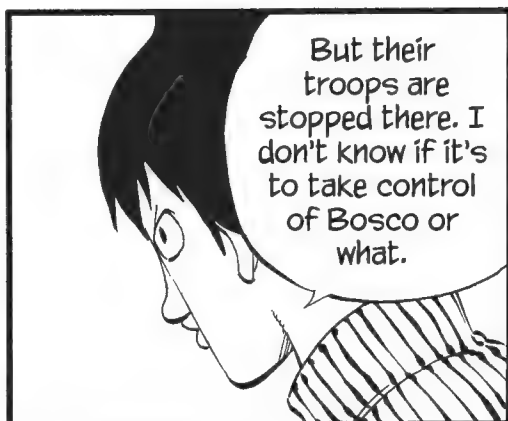
No. They both protected their own lives.
That is a weakness of theirs.



They've pretty much wiped out all of the guilds in Bosco...

New info from the east!







The enemy's also taken the southern harbor town of Halgeon, but Mermaid Heel and Lamia Scale are heading there to liberate the town!

First Master...
Let's go back
them up!



Hey! Have
some faith
in the other
guilds!



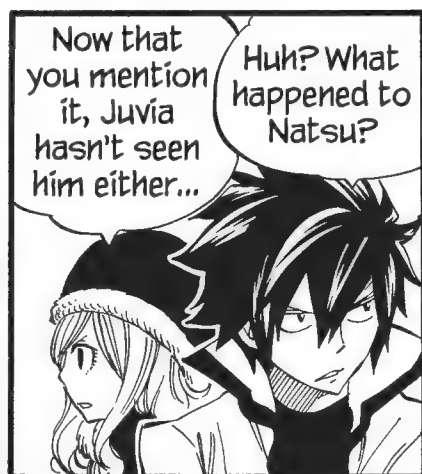
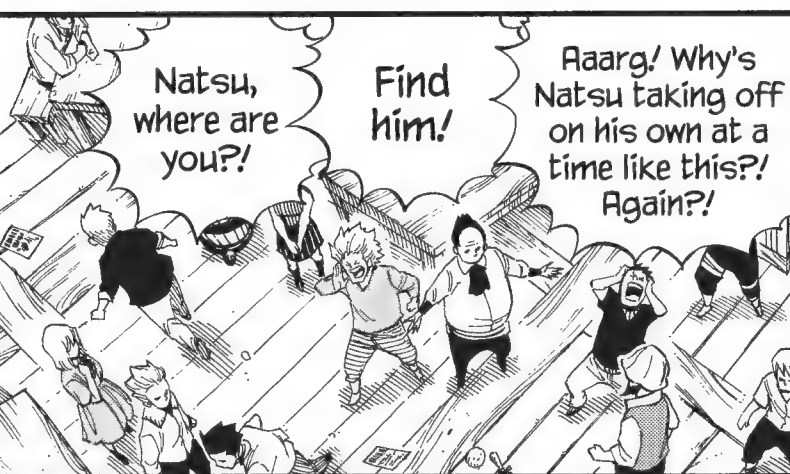
We can't
think that way.
We don't know if
the guilds to the
north and south
will win.



That means
we only have
to worry about
the eastern and
western forces,
right?









Natsu...



Where are ya, Natsu?!

Natsu!

Erza!

I am sure Natsu is perfectly fine!

But you're wounded ...

I shall go south in his stead! And be reunited with Kagura...



All others will be charged with protection of the guild.

Well, we can't leave those dirty geezers in charge, can we?

O-Okay...

Lucy and Cana will guard our prisoner.

The possibility of an enemy ambush attack still exists.

Unk.



I would think that these are his reserve forces, to be committed after the fates of the other three have been decided.



!



The western forces are moving the slowest. I assume that is where Zeref can be found.

First Master... What will we do about the eastern and western enemies?

WHOOSH ぽん

Therefore,
it is where we
must commit
the strongest
of our forces.

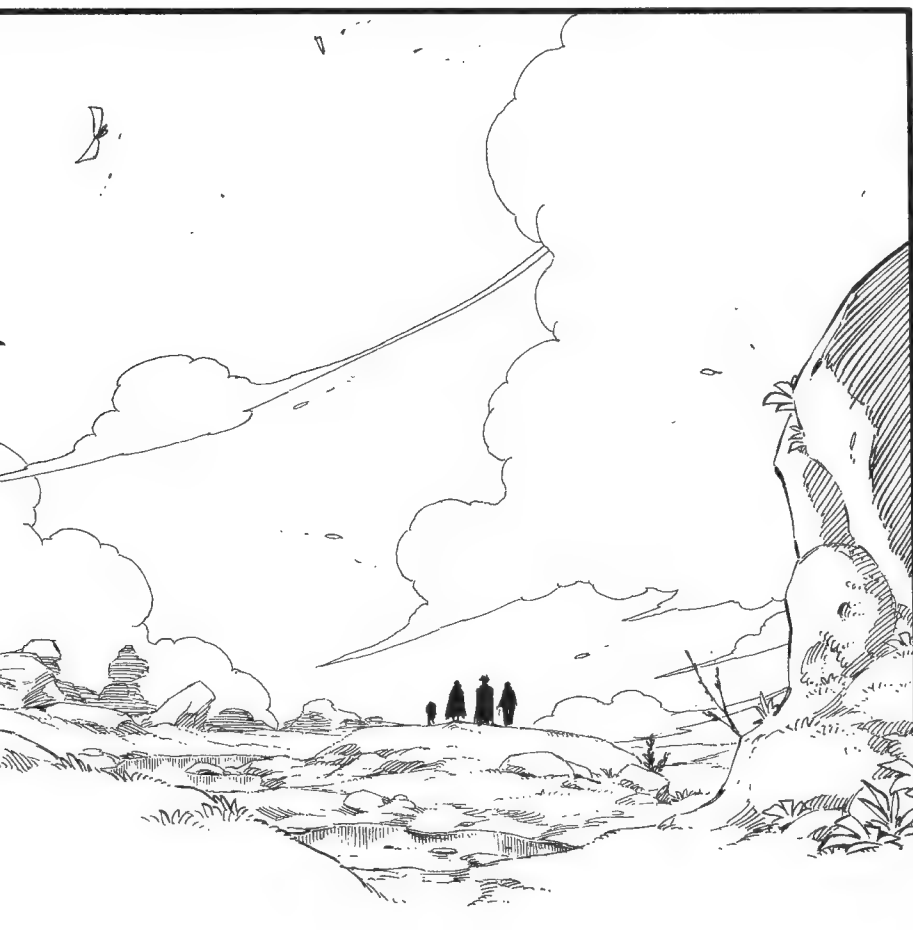
At
present,
the east is
where our
greatest
danger
lies.

Okay,
then the
east! I'll go!
Please send
me!

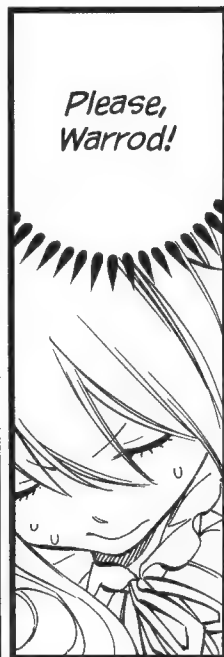
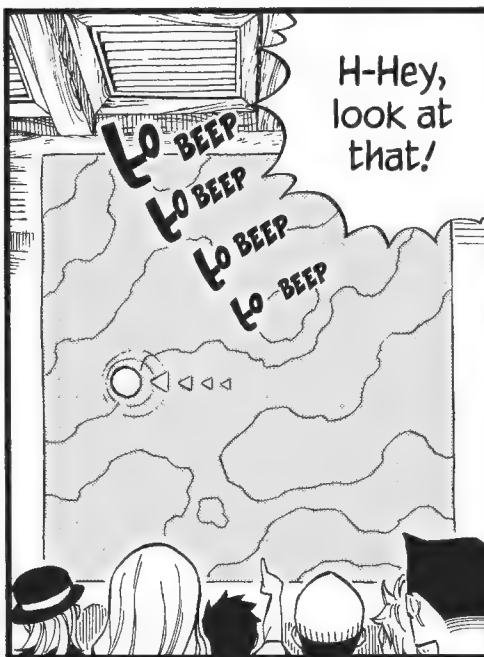
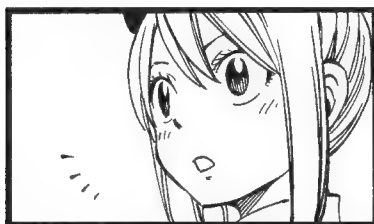
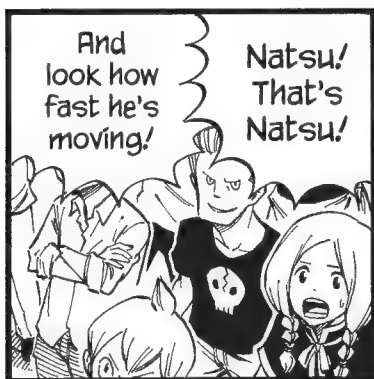
Of course I
have! This'll be
the strongest
force in Fiore!

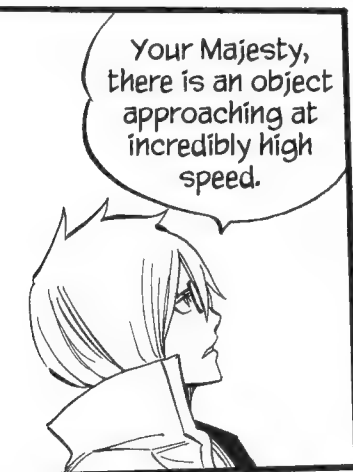
Warren, have
you made
contact?

What
does that
mean?









**Let's finish
this once
and for
all!!!!**

GWOOOOOGH

**Zeref
!!!!**



FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 463: Black Carpet





Does he
have a death
wish?!

So Natsu's
speeding out
there to take
on Zeref all
by himself?!



Wait!

WHOOSH



That
jerk...

Change
of plans!
We're
goin' after
him!



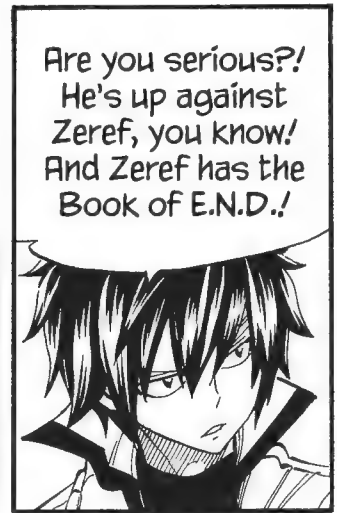
We will
leave
Zeref to
Natsu.

We will
adhere to
the first
master's
plan!

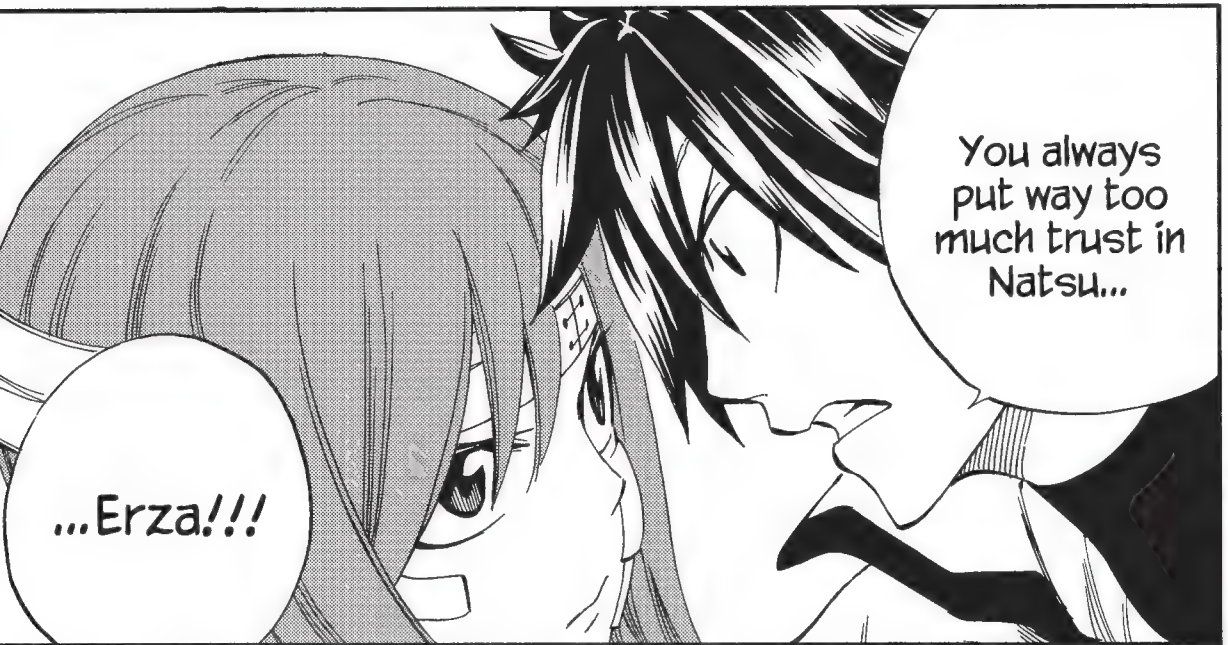


Natsu said something about having a plan to defeat Zeref.

I have every confidence that he will.

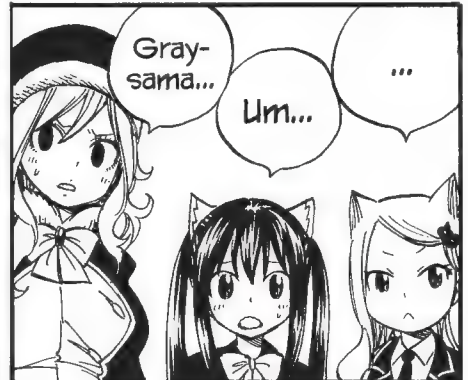
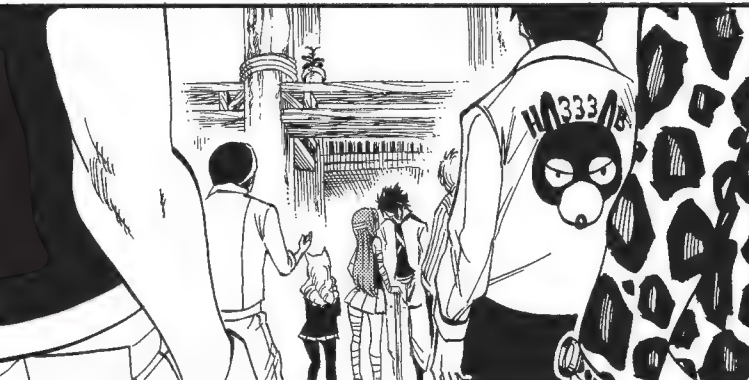


Are you serious?! He's up against Zeref, you know! And Zeref has the Book of E.N.D.!



...Erza!!!

You always put way too much trust in Natsu...



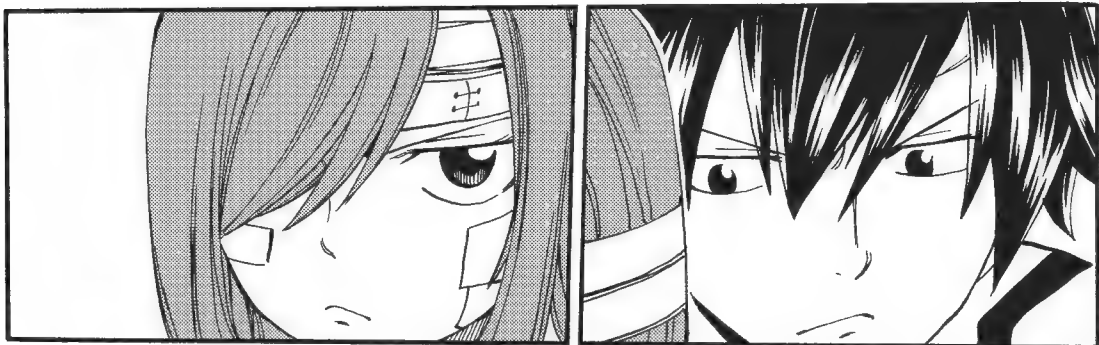
Gray-sama...

Um...

...



Does
that mean
you do
not trust
him?



Let's bet
on Natsu's
instincts.

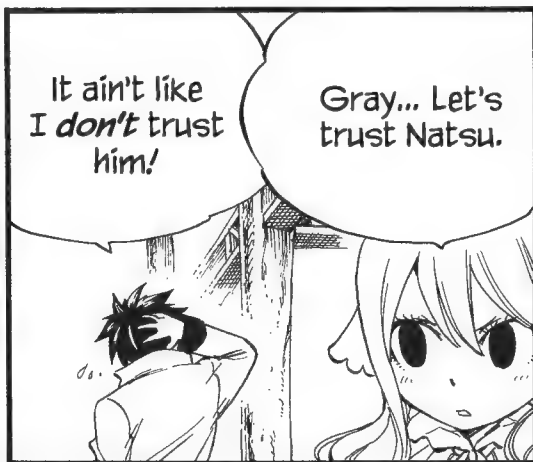


...
First
Master...
what should
we do?



All right,
you two!
Break it up!

GRRRN
GRRRN







You
burned
it up,
Natsu.

Oh,
yeah!



Awful rude
to bring a
carpet into our
house without
askin' us!

Come to
think of it,
what'd we do
with that old,
dirty carpet
we had?



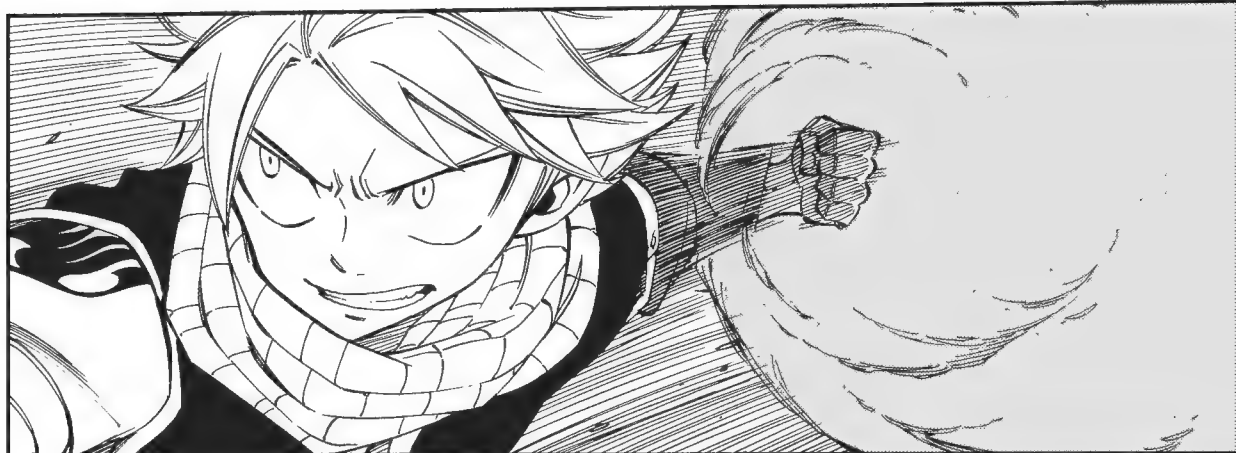
I burned
it up,
huh?



Aye, Sir!

Here
we go,
Happy!







DWOOOM

**Hyaah
!!!**

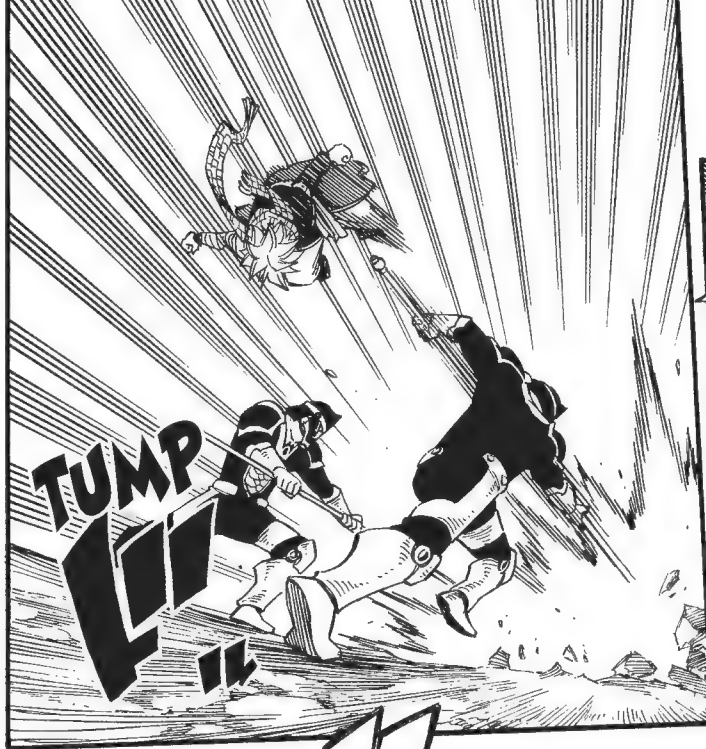
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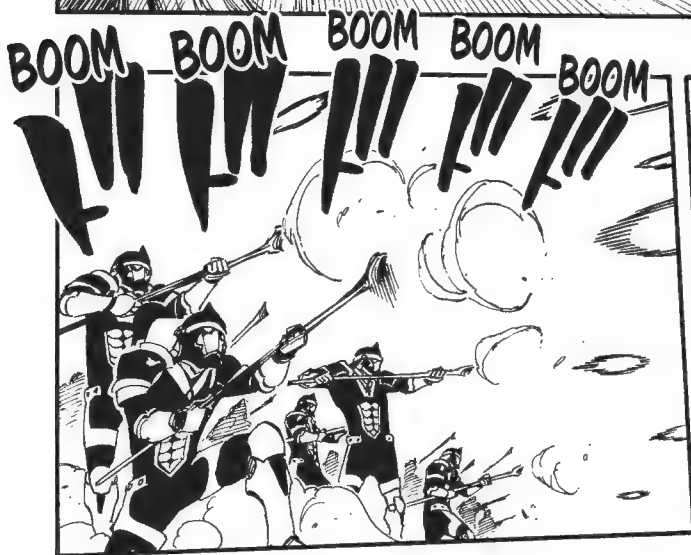
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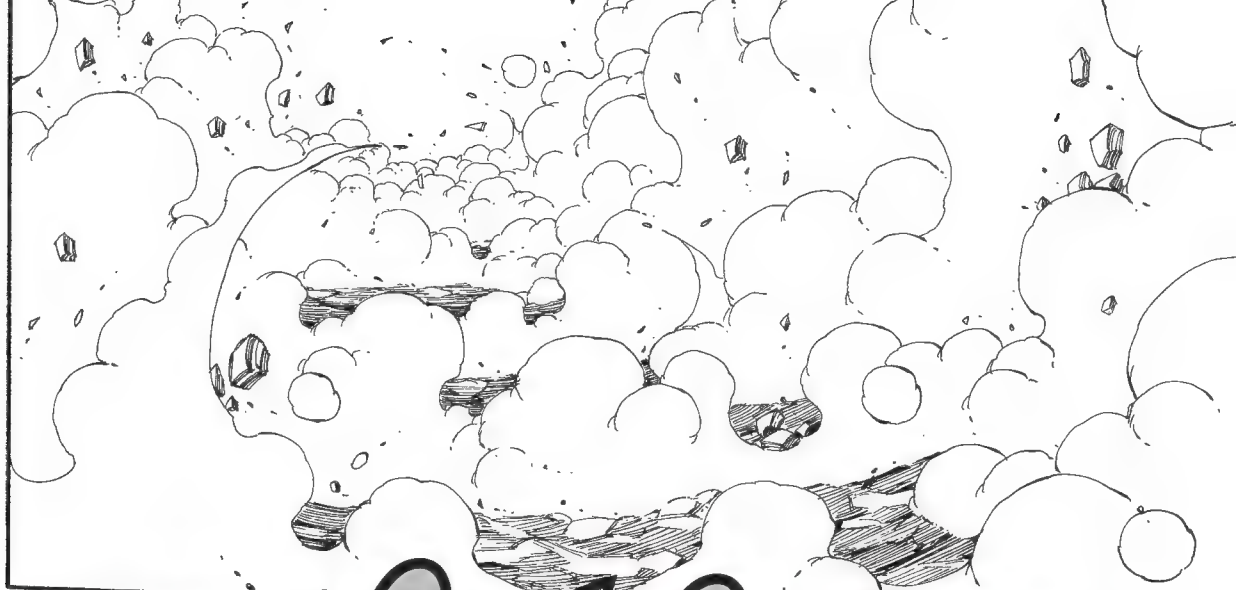
DOGHOOGH

ENRYŪ-Ō

NO

HôKô*

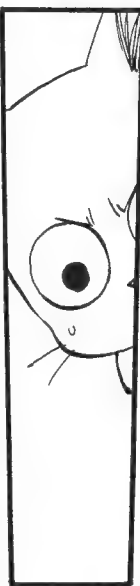
!!!!



H-He's a
monster...

H-He
changed the
landscape...







...
Natsu.

I was
just so
eager to
say hi...



...
Zeref.

But now's
the time to
say bye...

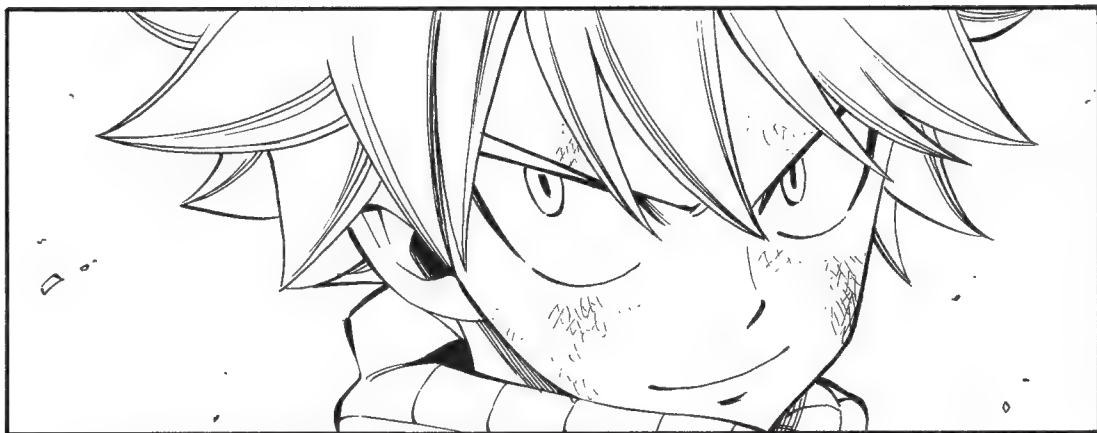
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ア
ル
...

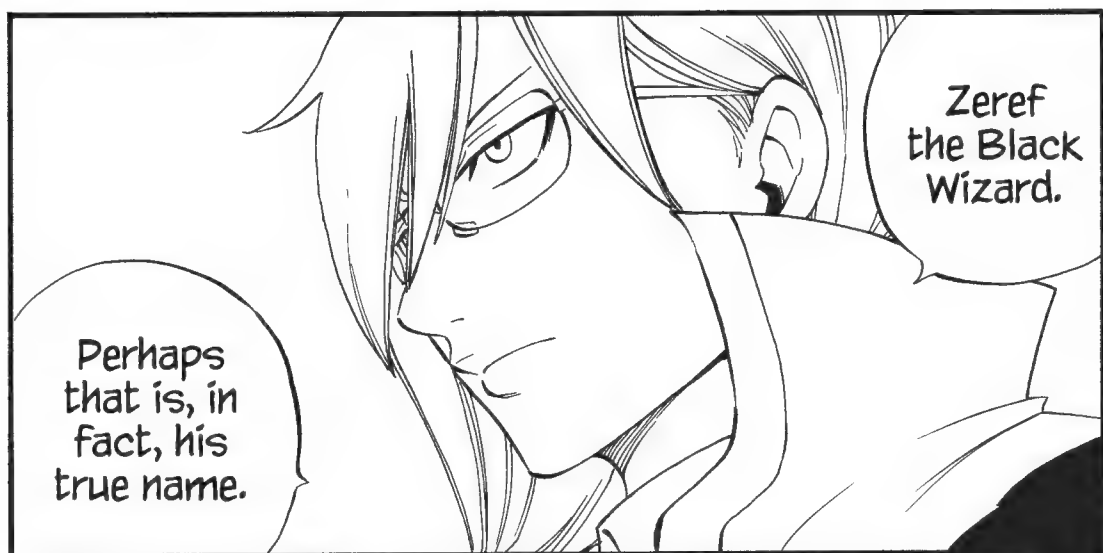
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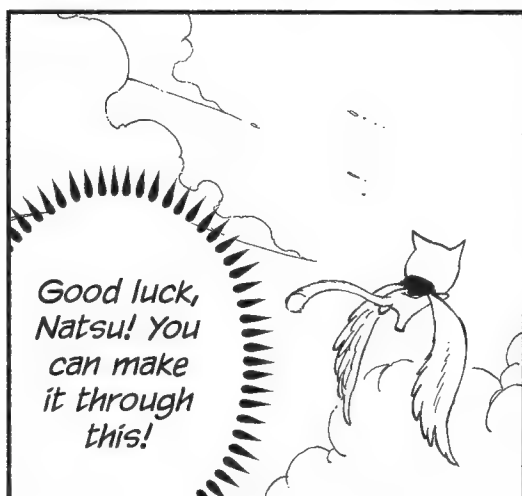
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Chapter 464: Natsu vs. Zeref











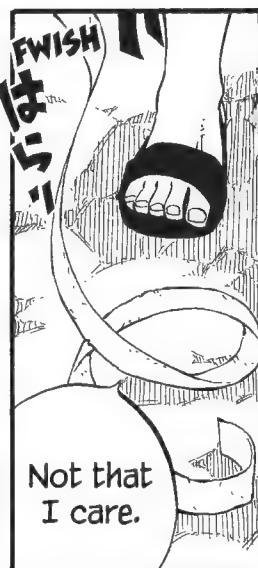
His Majesty
will secure
this road
himself!

All troops,
retreat to
the west!

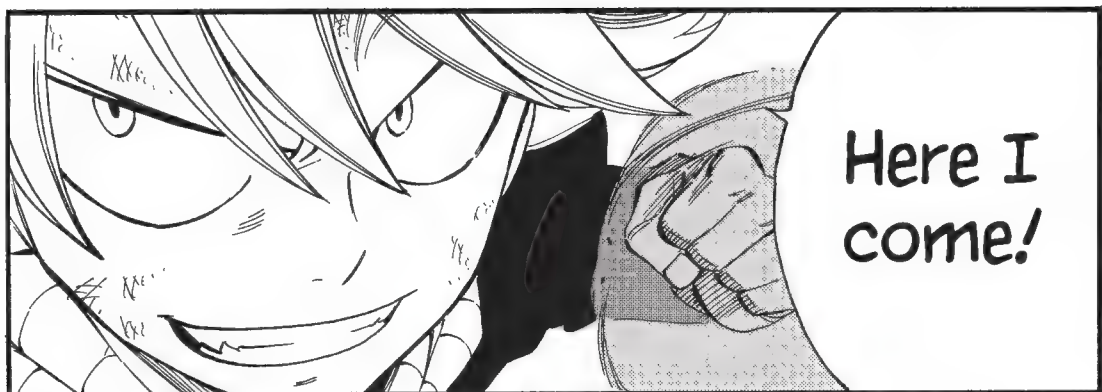


We're never
handing over
the first
master.

The only
reason it's
come to this
is because
you could not
destroy me.







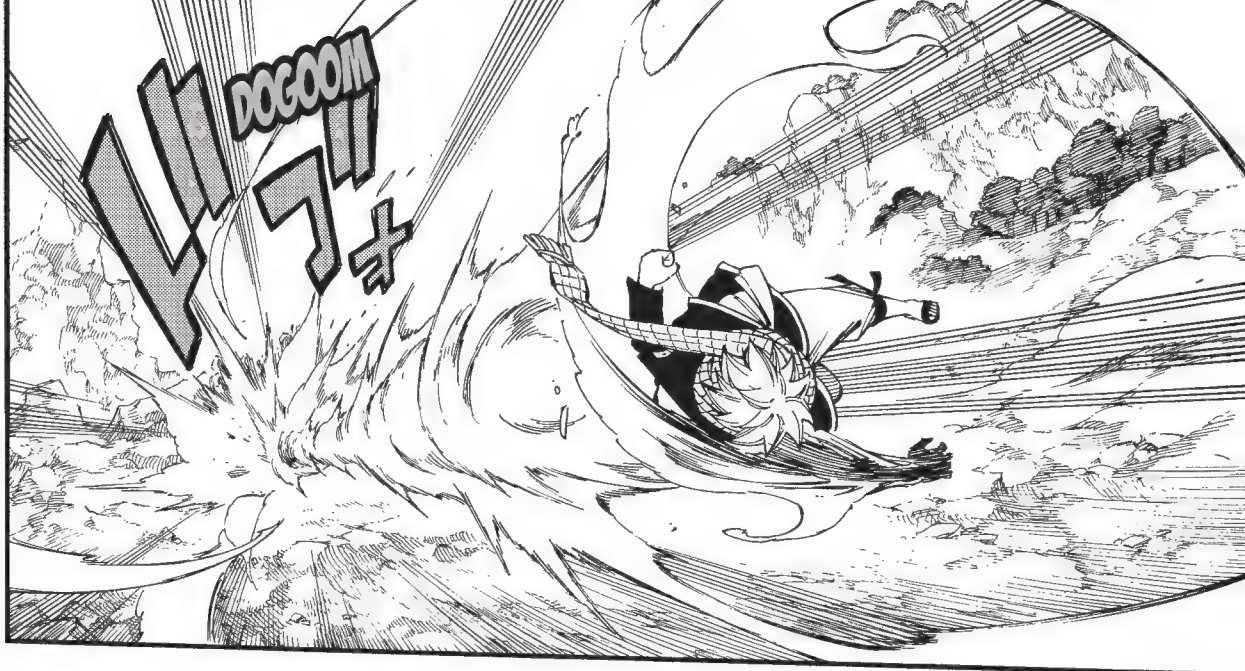
Here I
come!



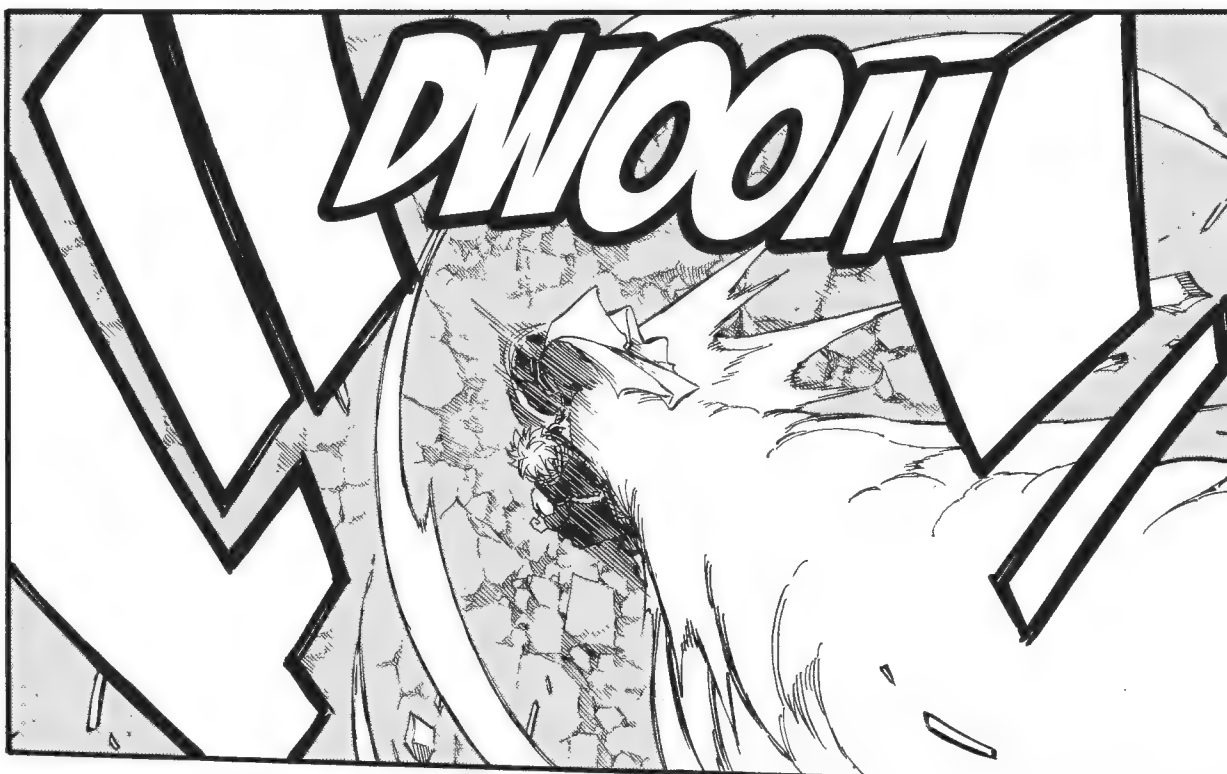
**HYAH
!!!!**

Goh!

GWAM



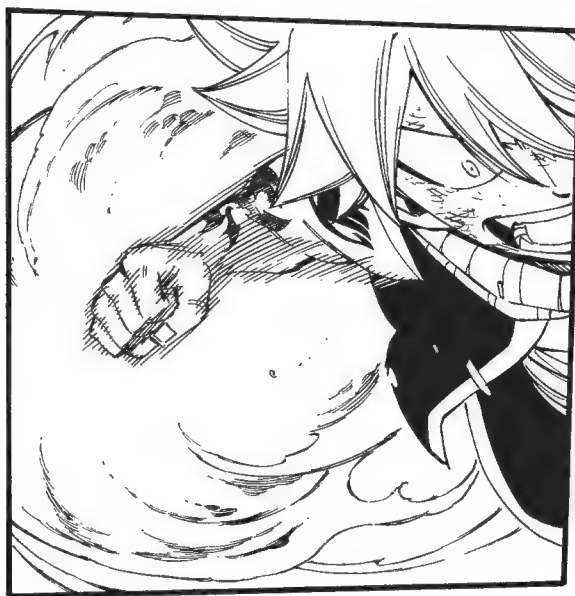


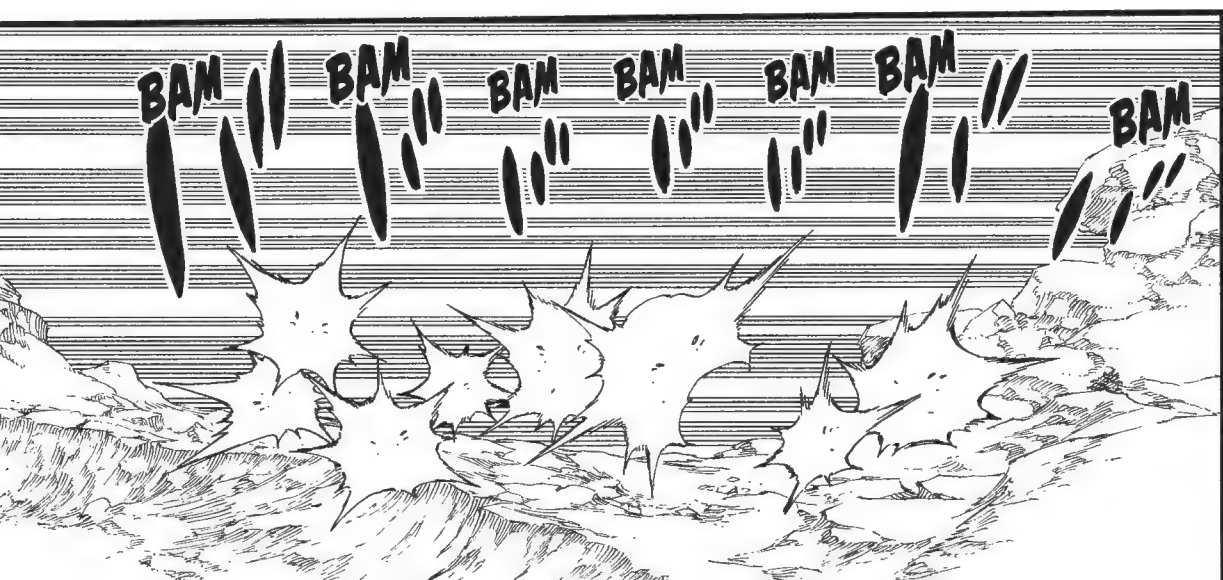
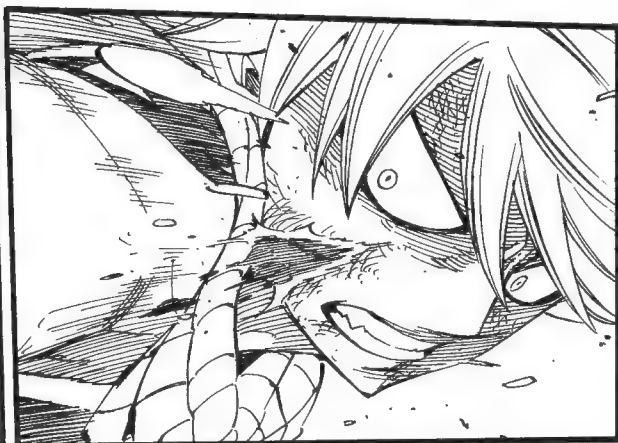




WHUD



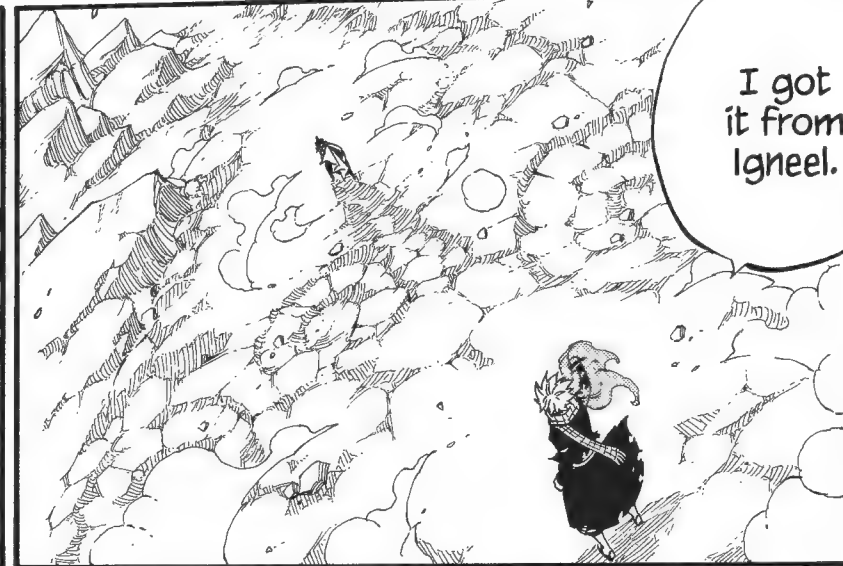






What is
that power
of yours?

I'm
surprised!



I got
it from
Igneel.



The
last of his
power?

It took me
more than
ten months
to be able to
release it.

It's the
last of his
power he left
within me.

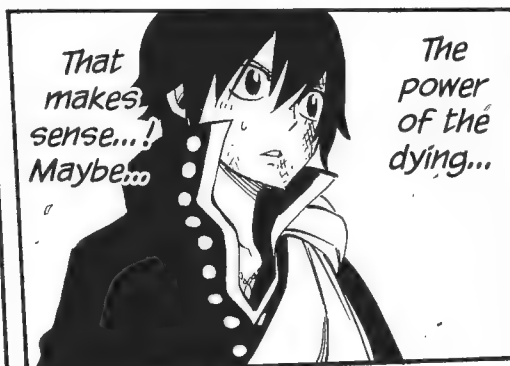


It was
Igneel's
resolve.

Yeah...
Once this
power is used
up, it's gone
for good.



...it's
enough to
destroy an
immortal!



That
makes
sense...!
Maybe...

The
power
of the
dying...



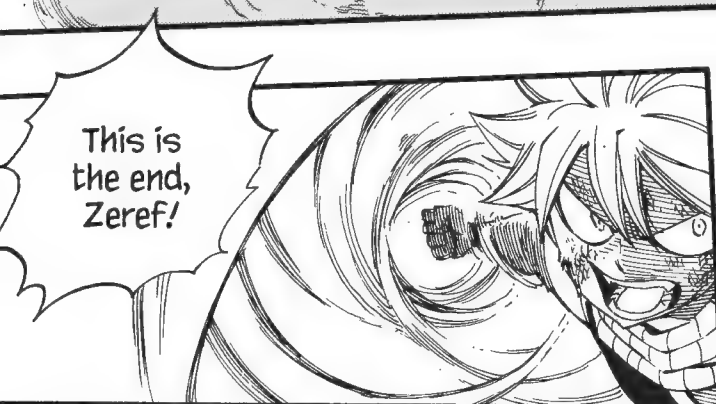
**FIRE
DRAGON
KING
MODE
!!!!**



GWOOOGH



The
very earth
is burning...



This is
the end,
Zeref!



Amazing...



Mavis...

And...



Anna...

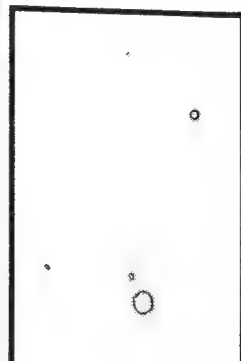
Layla...



Thank
you,
Igneel.



After all this
time, who knew
my wish would
be granted
now...





**My most
beloved...
dear brother...**

Natsu...

TO BE CONTINUED

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Afterword

Sorry to keep you waiting. It looks like the next volume, Volume 55, will be able to be released in Japan in a special edition that features an original animation DVD (OAD). I'm glad to say that this makes the lucky seventh Fairy Tail OAD made so far! The story of the anime will be based on a Fairy Tail short story that appeared in **Magazine Special** called "The Fairies' Penalty Game." It came out quite a while ago. It takes place sometime around the Grand Magic Games when Fairy Tail was divided up into the A team and the B team. The team that lost the tournament had to do some embarrassing things. But in the end, both teams had to combine into one, so things ended a bit vaguely. But in this one, the true winner is revealed! It's a mixture of funny and suggestive scenes, but in the end, it turns into an nice little story, so I hope you're looking forward to it!

And, of course, there will be original scenes in the anime!

Now, my current situation... Well, I've had to do all kinds of approvals on the OAD I just mentioned (including checking the original story over again), writing the script for the movie, and doing character designs, checking the novels and drawing the illustrations within them, checks on the spin-off manga, and checking on some projects that I can't talk about yet, so I've been so busy it made me dizzy. As the number of works based off my stuff increases, so does my workload. But as rough as it is, it's really fantastic, too! Hey, I know I'm not as young as I used to be, but recently a lot of people have been urging me to look after myself. I'm still pretty darned healthy! Actually, I'm grateful my body is doing as well as it is!

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Ishikawa Prefecture, Yui Nakabayashi

As you'd figure, there are a lot of people who love these three people(?) I love them, too!

▼ Zeref and Mavis... How will their confrontation go in the end?!



Aichi Prefecture, Banka



▲ Taurus Form!! I actually, really like this design!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Akane Yamada

Tokushima Prefecture, Toshihiro Miki



▲ It's Acnologia!! He's going to play a big part in the main story pretty soon.

▼ Hey! Art from Fairy Tail ZERO! If you want to know who Zera is, check out Fairy Tail ZERO!



Tochigi Prefecture, Nori



Tokyo, Sae Endo

Now this is well done! Everybody's expressions are really nice!

REJECTION CORNER

I know you asked to not be rejected, but... Sorry.



Gunma Prefecture, Mamoozu Meesen!

This is a rare pairing. Extremely rare!



Saitama Prefecture, Misora Sekine

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► I'm giving it my best!! Thanks for the message!!



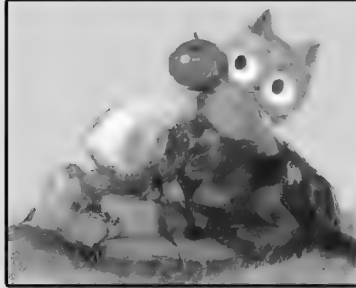
Okayama Prefecture, Kiminori Namba



▲ Wendy's grown? Yeah, that's true. She's gotten stronger, huh?

Yamaguchi Prefecture, Tony

FROM HIRO NASHIMA



Fairy Tail is becoming a stage play!

When I first heard the idea, I thought, "Huh? How are you gonna do magic and stuff?" But the answer they came up with was pretty incredible! As the opening night draws closer, my anticipation grows!

Original Jacket Design: Hisao Ogawa

Translation Notes:

Japanese is tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 60,

Nakagami Asterism

This is the same as the Nakagami attack found in Volume 38. As previously mentioned, Nakagami, also known as Tenichijin or Tenitsujin, is the chief of the 12 Generals of Heaven found in the esoteric astrology of the famous Japanese spiritualist Abe no Seimei. An asterism is a star picture (like the big dipper) that isn't an official constellation.



Page 81, Fairy dust

Evergreen's fairy dust seems to be derived from the scales on the wings of lepidoptera, an order of butterflies and moths. These scales on the wings can provide camouflage, or warning colors indicating that they are toxic (mimicking actual toxic animals). Since the wings can easily be shed, they provide a defense if they are trying to escape from a predator's nest or web.



Page 104, Dark Écriture

As mentioned previously when Fried first used the attack in Volume 14, écriture is French for "writing," so Fried wrote the spell to enact it.





Huh...? What,
again?!



HIRO 真島ヒロ MASHIMA



I often lose
precious things
as well.



Oh really?!

NEXT TIME...



Forward!

We will
now begin
our mission
to liberate
Halgeon!

Meanwhile, in
every part of
Fiore, guilds are
trying to mount a
defense against a
vicious attack!

Against
a woman
warrior
who takes
the name
of a god!

If I let you
live, you'll
just cause
me trouble.
Mind if I kill
you?

The Spriggan
12 won't let
up!



He's
the god
of death
!!!!

And a
man
loved
by the
dragon
gods!

God
Bye-bye.

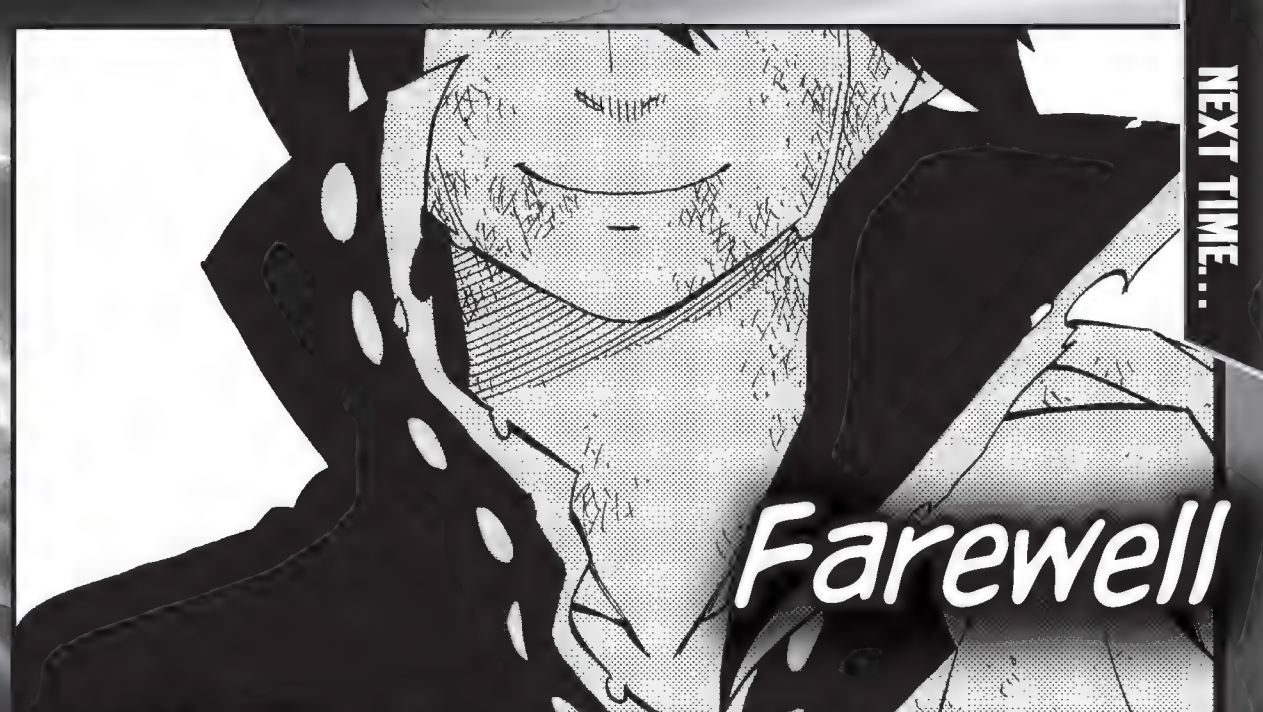
The wizards of Ishgal are horrified when they face
such overwhelming, unimaginable power!

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Farewell

Natsu...

The
astonishing
truth behind a
secret held for
400 years is
revealed!



This
can't be
happening...
Natsu...



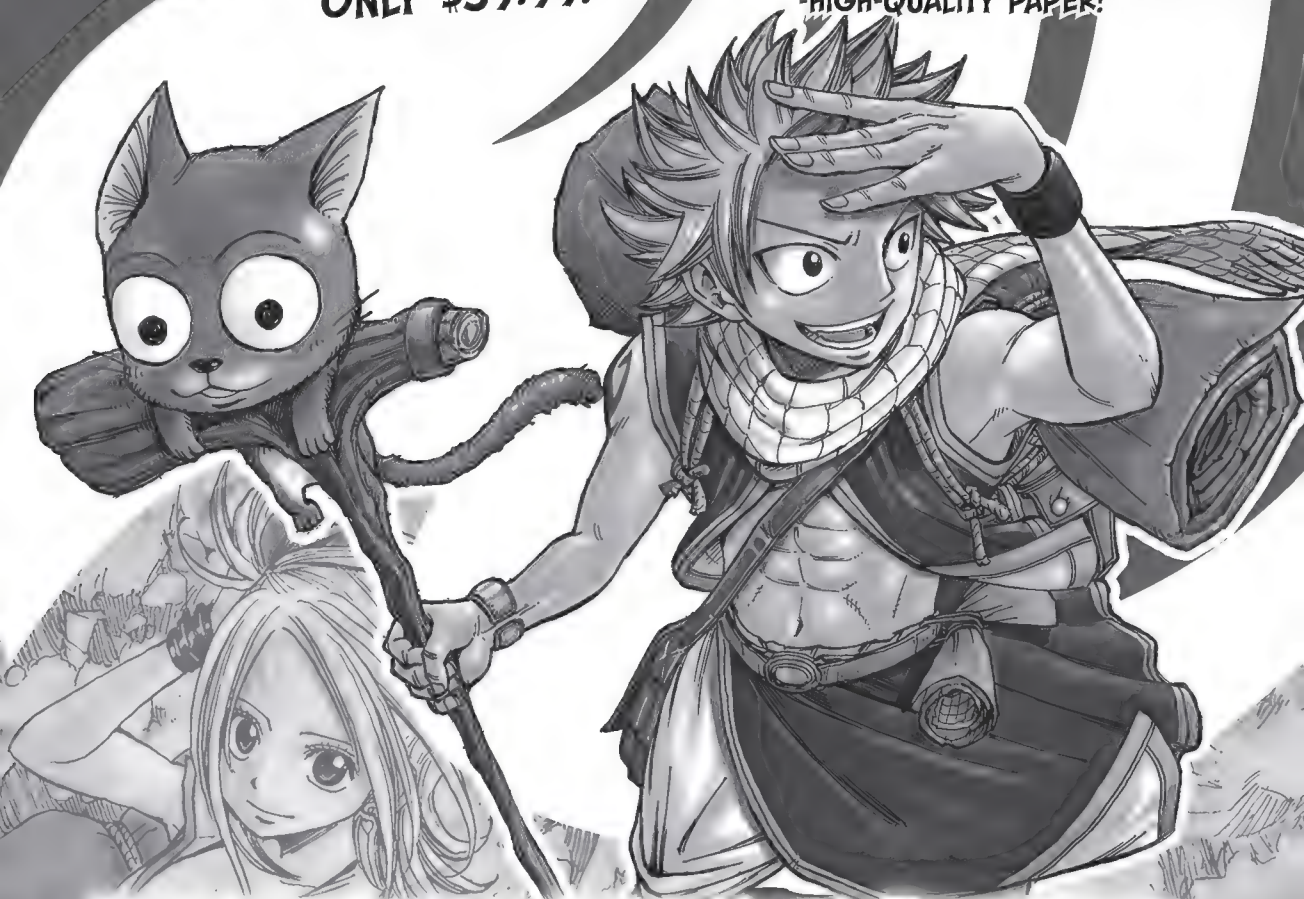
Natsu!

Natsu
!!

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